Abu Nidal planned attack in Germany'

ERLIN (AP) — Federal prosecutors said Friday that they d strong indications the Abu Nidal organisation had lanned and prepared bomb attacks on Jewish and Israeli anned and prepared bomb attacks on Jewish and Israeli entres in Germany. Seven men described by authorities 'ly as "Arabs" were arrested in Berlin on Tuesday during parches but released the following day. "Our leads could be substantiated," said Rolf Hannich, a spokesman for the federal prosecutor's office in Karlsruhe. He would not y who tipped off German authorities or provide the ge Burns rested men's nationalities. "Because they were released, figure will not give out the men's names," said Mr. annich. German police posted armoured personnel car-ers at Jewish and Israeli centres in Berlin and Bonn early is week after what police said was a specific warning of an tack around the Yom Kippur holiday.

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Guerrillas blast Israeli outpost

TYRE (AP) — Guerrillas attacked an Israeli outpost in South Lebanon with mortar fire and rocket-propelled grenades Friday, provoking artillery retaliation, security sources said. They said no casualties were reported from the daybreak attack by Hizbollah guerrillas on the Israeli outpost at Rachaf in the western sector of an enclave Israel occupied as a "security zone" in South Lebanon. The sources, who requested anonymity, said there were no casualty reports from the retaliatory Israeli bombardment that targeted Kafra, Yater and Hadatha. Hizbollah claimed responsibility for the attack on Rachaf in a communique relased in Lebanon's southernmost port city of Tyre. Hizbollah, which opposes the U.S.-sponsored Arab-Israeli negotiations for a Middle East peace, has been spearheading a guerrilla war to dislodge Israel from the occupied enclave. The strip covers 1,100 square kilometres between the Mediterranean coast and the foothills of

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No new tax — Gammoh

Reports of additional levies illogical, finance minister says crime classical to als include transparency and improved investment climate

By P.V. Vivekanand rdan Times Staff Reporter

MMAN — Finance Minis-Sami Gammoh on Friday oughy rejected reports of oves to introduce additiontaxes and stated that the vernment's objective was reduce the tax burden on

e average wage-earner. The minister's statement me against the backdrop of nue and cry in the country er suggestions that the vernment was considering series of additional taxes. An announcement by Mr. ammoh in late August that pital gains might no longer joy tax exemption sent the mman Financial Market o a spin over fears that ofits earned in the bourse an vocks d equity gains by comgible for tax exemption. Share prices plunged by are than six per cent in the

st two weeks of September

id brokers said the trend

is likely to continue unless

the government made its intentions clear. "The government has no

plan whatsoever to raise taxes of any kind," Mr. Gammoh told the Jordan Times. "On the contrary, we are seeking ways and means to reduce the burden on taxpayers by a revamping of the entire taxation system," he

There is no need for anyone to feel threatened by the imaginary prospect of additional taxes," said the minister. "There is not going to be any increase in taxes,

"Yes, there is a need for a restructuring of the taxation structure of the country and we are working on it, but the idea is totally different than suggested by some of the so-called experts and investors which created the panic in the market," he added.

The minister confirmed that additional taxes were indeed part of proposals drawn up by a committee of technical experts to the prime minister. "But there are only proposals and we have not even closely studied them let alone taking a decision to adopt them," Mr. Gammoh said.

The finance minister said it was "ironic" that investors were only looking at the "negative" side of things.
"The Income Tax Department has not even looked at the proposals yet, but we suddenly find people suggesting that new taxes will be in place in a matter of weeks."

"Only a few months ago we exempted all profits derived from exports, whether of commodities or services, from income tax," noted Mr. Gammoh. "How could anyone expect a government which offers 100 per cent exemption from income tax to exporters to increase

The finance minister referred to the emphasis that the government has given to the role of the private sector in the five-year development

plan and noted that neither that plan nor the economic restructuring programme under implementation con-tains any provision for additional taxes.

"We are fully committed to the development plan and the economic restructuring programme and have no intention whatsoever of introducing any variations," he said. "Both the plan and programme are final and approved, and there is no desire on the part of anyone to change anything in them to include additional taxes."

"We are trying to reduce the tax burden on individuals and widen the base of taxation," he emphasised. "Certain segments of the economy are not taxed at present but they could be brought into the taxation system only after we reach broad agreement with the sectors concerned."

The government has already derived the impression that the concerned sectors do not mind being taxed

within reasonable limits and do not impose a burden on them," the finance minister said, adding: "Even at that it does not mean an automatic imposition of taxes on those sectors.

The very idea of floating the proposals in public was to get the reaction of everyone and judge what is best and in everyone's interest while serving the national objective of economic growth and involving the private sector to that maximum extent possible," the minister said.

Mr. Gammoh complained that "some sectors," instead of taking the government initiative to air the issue in public as goodwill gesture aimed at assessing public reaction, "looked at the worst side of things and judged for themselves without a closer look that there is going to be additional taxes on the people."

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Rolan ettlers **orotest**

CCUPIED GOLAN EIGHTS (Agencies) e 300 Jewish settlers of the --lan village El Rom went strike Friday in protest at : Israeli government's idiness to cede land on the ategic Heights in return for -. ace.

The 56 families voted to it down their kibbutz or lective farm and spent the y with 12 other Golan setrs who began a hunger ike last Sunday at the ighbouring settlement on unia, said their spokesman akov Asseraf.

"We believe it is possible make an arrangement with Syrians without removing v settlement." he said.

1 3 Couse: Rumours abound on the plan that El Rom, whose ults are all members of ime Minister Yitzhak ibin's Labour Party, would the first settlement to go ider a deal with Damascus. ... "Our settlement will be "serted for 24 hours," Mr. sserai said, adding that her forms of protest would llow unless the government æks down.

g dead

Mr. Rabin has offered a anarginal" Israeli withdrawover three years to allow r normalisation of ties with ria. A final agreement on e extent of withdrawal from -: e Golan would be open to gonation.

Israeli Chief of Staff Ehud , arak said Friday that Syria as "serious" about peace ith Israel.

"The Syrians have decided look seriously at the possility of making a peace greement with Israel," eneral Barak told Israel

"Damascus understands iat such an agreementr has a nce. Syrian leaders have my high demands but they re very serious, thoughtful id realist. They have been itter enemies when we have lught against them and they ill be the same during nego-

And Environment Minister ossi Sarid told the Davar ewspaper that there were vo outstanding differences - the final line of Israel's ithdrawal after the threecar interim period and the metable for the withdrawal. In his comments. Gen. arak said Israel will have to mintain its military might ven after it signs peace 'caties with its Arab neigh-. Ours.

Arab League backs peace talks, Qouriea Palestinian claim to Jerusalem

voiced their backing for the Arab-Israeli peace process at the end of a two-day meeting in the Egyptian capital. Resolutions adopted late

Thursday expressed "support for the Arab parties' efforts to achieve a just and lasting peace in accordance with U.N. Security Council resolutions 242 and 338." The Arab foreign ministers

said Jerusalem city must be restored to Palestinian sovereignty as capital of an independent Palestinian

The Arab League, in a final statement after the meeting of foreign ministers and envoys of 22 countries,

"Based on the fact that holy Jerusalem is a Palestinian Arab city that has a sublime status to the Arab and Islamic worlds, the League Council stresses the extreme importance of Jerusalem and the need to restore its Arab and Palestinian sovereignty as the capital of the independent Palestinian

Jerusalem, it said, was "an integral part of the Arab and Palestinian land occupied (by Israel) in 1967.

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM

(Agencies) - Police, apparently believing they

were on the trail of guerrillas.

shot dead one Israeli and

wounded two others on Fri-

day during a high-speed car

Mir Tsafrir, chief of the

Lachish district police, said

that contrary to initial re-

ports, the men were not

Arabs. But Jews with crimin-

He told Israel Radio the

chase began after police spot-

ted a car, which he said they

thought was carrying Arab

guerrillas, speeding through

red lights on the highway

between Ashkelon and

Police opened fire when

the car tried to run down a

policeman at a roadblock, Mr. Tasfrir said.

one dead and two wounded

in the car," he said. "The

passengers were Jews, with

Israel Radio stations said

criminal records."

"Unfortunately, we have

Palestinian-ruled Gaza.

al records.

chase in southern Israel.

Israeli shot dead

in police attack

Delegates said the future

it Cairo.

A Jordanian-Israeli agreement, signed in Washington in July, recognised special religious rights for Jordan in the city.

The agreement said: "Israel respects the present special role of the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan in Muslsim shrines in Jerusalem... when negotiations on the permanent status take place, Israel will give priority to the Jordanian historic role in these shrines."

Israel, which "annexed" Jerusalem after seizing it in 1967, views the Holy City as its own "indivisible capital." Under the Israeli-Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) peace agreement the final status of Jerusalem is to be subject to negotiation, but not for at least two more

Jordanian Education Minister Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh told reporters the resolution adopted by the Arab League was unani-

The Arab League also adopted a resolution calling on Arab countries to "provide all possible aid to the

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the men apparently were in-

hours after the Israeli army

reopened the border with

Gaza that had been closed for

the Jewish day of atonement

Bank, a Palestinian stabbed

and lightly wounded a Jewish

settler in the old quarter of

the city on Friday, military

cent settlement of Kyriat

Arba, was walking through

the market in Hebron when

The attacker ran off and

soldiers launched a search

throughout Hebron, where a

settler from Kyriat Arba

murdered more than 30

Palestinians Eeb. 25. The army later imposed a

curfew on the old quarter of

the town and arrested about

Two weeks ago the army imposed a 24-hour curfew on

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he was attacked.

10 Palestinians.

The Israeli, from the adja-

In Hebron, in the West

The shooting occurred

volved in drugs deal.

Yom Kippur.

CAIRO (Agencies) — Arab of Jerusalem dominated the League foreign ministers six-monthly regular meeting Rawabdeh

returns EDUCATION MINISTER Abdul Raouf Al Rawabdeh returned home Friday after chairing the Arab League Council's 102nd session in

In an arrival statement, Mr. Rawabdeh said the council discussed several issues, including the Palestine question and the Arab-Israeli conflict. The council stressed that the Arab-Israeli peace process is held in accordance with the international legitimacy and the land-for-

peace principle. In its final communique, the council called for supporting the Palestinian self-rule authority and enabling the Palestinian people to exercise their inalienable rights, including their right to self-

determination. The council also stressed the need to achieve progress on all peace tracks so that a just, comprehensive and lasting peace can be achieved, Mr. Rawabdeh said.

On the issue of Jerusalem. the council stressed the Holy City's importance to the Arab and Islamic worlds and the need to restore Palestinian sovereignty over it as the capital of an independent Palestinian state, Mr. Rawabdeh said. The communique called on the international community to put pressure on Israel to prevent it from changing the 1967status of Jerusalem or the Holy City's geographical and demographic features.

The communique urged Arab countries to take actions against countries moving their diplomatic missions to Jerusalem, or recognising the Arab city as capital of

Israel. The council called for a census of the Palestinian refugees and identifying their usurped properity.

It further called on the

United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees (UNRWA) to continue to provide its services to

Mr. Rawabdeh was received by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Thursday. Mr. Rawabdeh said he conveved His Majesty King Hussein's greetings to Mr. Mubarak and reviewed with him the subjects discussed during the council's session, in addition to bilateral relations. Mr. Mubarak voiced hope for a meeting with King Hussein soon, Mr. Rawabdeh said.

resigns

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AP) — The minister of economy in the Palestinian National Authority (PNA) has submitted his resignation to protest Yasser Arafat's autocratic decisionmaking, senior Palestinian sources said Friday.

Economy Minister Ahmad Oouriea refused to say whether he was still participating in the government, commenting only that "I have not made my resignation official."

Mr. Qouriea boycotted last Saturday's cabinet meeting. There was no comment available from Mr. Arafat's office. The Palestinian leader has been out of self-rule areas for most of the week for talks in Norway, Russia and Tur-

key, but was due back by

firmed Friday. Saturday for the cabinet meeting. The sources said there is a growing level of frustration within the administration Mr. Arafat appointed in May because he refuses to delegate any responsibility and spends most of his time greeting

visitors. Palestinian officials said Mr. Arafat had not given any answer to a letter he received from Mr. Qouriea last week. Mr. Arafat sent his minister for international cooperation, Nabil Shaath, to the

Paris on Sept. 9. Officials said Mr. Qouriea, also known as Abu Alaa, wanted to remain in the Palestinian National Authority, but felt he could not continue as minister because of the level of interference. "He still wants to serve his people and country," one

meeting of donor countries in

Alaa felt he had no real authority just a title." Ministers have no budgets, they have no authority at all, they cannot move a chair into

official added. "But Abu

their offices without Mr. Arafat's approval, said a Palestinian official close to the authority. Mr. Qouriea said in an interview with Israel Radio's

Arabic service earlier this

week that the authority had failed to make any changes on the ground and was frightening off private investment. "I am afraid that the private sector has gone shy, not taking the risk of investing without bylaws and regula-

tions, without approved economic plans," he said. He said the council set up to channel aid and economic planning had been underment were freed.

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Jordan to join Haiti force

By Ayman Al Safadi Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN - Jordan will contribute a "small contingent" of police force to the international troops that will monitor what appears to be an imminent U.S.-led invasion of Haiti and provide humanitarian assistance to Haitian people," official sources con-

But a high-ranking government official told the Jordan Times that the Kingdom will not take part in an invasion of the Caribbean island if the U.S.-led forces launched the attack, saying that the country's involvement would be in a post-invasion phase.

"The Jordanian police force will only provide humanitarian assistance to the Haitian people and undertake monitoring missions," the source said, adding that the

contingent would be sent announced its decision to only if there was a need for it after the invasion takes place.

The Jordan News Agency, Petra, Friday quoted a senior official it did not name as saying the Kingdom agreed to participate in the U.N. troops at the request of the United Nations and after U.S. President Bill Clinton contacted His Majesty King Hussein over the issue.

"Jordan will be playing that role in support of people's right to sovereignty, freedom, democracy, peace and security." Petra quoted the official as saying.

The official said the country's participation in observer missions in Haiti along with other countries "helps to serve these noble objectives within the framework of international legitimacy.' The Kingdom is the only

Arab country that has

participate in the international force that is being formed under a U.N. Security Council resolution to force Haiti's military rulers to reinstate elected President Jean Pertrand Arstide, who is living in exile in Washington.

The Kingdom is participating in U.N. peacekeeping troops in Croatia, Cambodia, Macedonia, and other areas.

Following is a White House list of the countries taking part in the U.N. force: Antigua and Barbuda, Argentina, Bahamas, Bangladesh. Barbados, Belgium. Belize, Benin, Bolivia, Britain, Costa Rica, Dominica, Grenada, Guvana, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, the Netheriands, Panama, Poland, St. Kitts and Nevis, St. Lucia, St. Vincent and the Grenadines. Trinidad and Tobago.

Paris urges broad Algeria talks

PARIS (Agencies) — French Foreign Minister Alain Juppe on Friday urged all prodemocracy factions in Algeria to join the government in a dialogue aimed at ending the violence that has racked the country for nearly three

"I hope for my part that all democratic Algerian groups agree to take a role in the dialogue," he told Radio Luxembourg.
Sources in the Islamic

Salvation Front (FIS) said the group was not ruling out participating in the talks and was preparing a formal statement in consultation with FIS leaders in Algeria.

"A dialogue is absolutely not ruled out," the sources in the FIS leadership in exile told Reuters. Algerian President

Liamine Zeroual on Tuesday released from prison FIS leaders Abassi Madani and Ali Belhadj. The two were placed under house arrest. but three other top officials of the fundamentalist move-

Mr. Zeroual said he hoped they would join talks on a political settlement to help end the civil strife that has torn Algeria since the government cancelled a general election in January 1992 that the FIS was poised to win. Atleast 10,000 people have since been killed.

Mr. Juppe said he had conflicting reports on whether the FIS and other fundamentalist factions would agree to participate in talks aimed at settling the crisis.

We have been told that the FIS would not participate in a meeting set for next week. And then I have since seen that Madani had agreed to accept the conditions set by Zeroual. We'll have to see how things work out," he said.

The FIS sources said the group, which has been banned in Algeria, was likely to set conditions for its parti-

cipation. Conditions were likely to include freedom for all fundamentalist political prisoners and allowing leaders of all FIS factions to sit together at the same table at talks.

Mr. Juppe, speaking at a news conference on Thurs-

day, ruled out talks between FIS leaders and France. saying the Islamists should negotiate with their own government and not with Paris. Algerian Foreign Minister Mohammad Salah Dembri said Thursday Mr. Madani has agreed that his organisation should join in govern-ment talks with the opposi-

According to Mr. Dembri. Mr. Madani sent President Zeroual a message on Aug. 20 "in which he said he accepted the conditions" set by the government for the talks and added that "he accepted to be bound" by the

Tourabi acknowledges role

Sudanese Islamic leader Hassan Tourabi acknowledged Friday that Sudan was the mediating force behind new contacts between the government and the FIS. Interviewed on state radio Friday, Dr. Tourabi called on the two parties in Algeria to forget the past and head for the future.

UNRWA launches new phase of programmes for Palestinians

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA) has formally launched the second phase of an action programme worth \$250 million to be spent in the next two years in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip aimed at "rapid social and economic improvements" in the lives of Palestinian refugees.

The announcement was made by the acting deputy commissioner-general of UN-RWA, Mohammad Abdul Moumene, at a meeting of the U.N. agency's advisory commission held in Vienna on Thursday.

The programme is part of Programme (PIP), which was announced nearly one year ago, shortly after the Palestine L'heran. Organisation (PLO) and Israe. ... d their landmark autonomy agreement in Washington.

According to Dr. Abdul Moumene, the second place of the programme involves projects worth \$173 million in the Gaza Strip and \$87 million in the West Bank and has been coordinated with the Palestine Economic Council for Development and Reconstruction (PECDAR), an arm of the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in autonomous Gaza and Jericho.

"We are now preparing

ANKARA (AFP) - A top

U.S. State Department offi-

cial told Turkish officials

Thursday that the heightened

tension between Greece and

Turkey was of benefit to

Under-Secretary of State

for Political Affairs Peter

Tarnoff arrived here Thurs-

day from Greece on the

second leg of a shuttle mis-

sion aimed at easing tensions

between the long-time rivals,

both Mediterranean states

and North Atlantic Treaty

Organisation (NATO) allies.

Prime Minister Tansu Ciller

urging the two governments

to engage in dialogue on re-

gional issues, Mr. Tarnoff

beld talks with Turkish Fore-

ign Minister Mumtaz Soysal

and Turkey's number two di-

Mr. Tarnoff said he was

able to "preview some of the

issues and some of the atti-

tudes of the Turkish govern-

ment and the foreign minister

in particular" in preparation

for a meeting between the

Ankara government and

U.S. Secretary of State War-

Mr. Christopher will meet

Mr. Sovsal in New York at

the end of the month during a

meeting of the United Na-

Mr. Tarnoff, the number

He gave Greek Prime

three official in the State

Department, arrived in Ank-

Minister Andreas Papan-

dreon a letter on Wednesday

similar to that addressed to

Mr. Tarnoff's visit centred

on ongoing disputes between

Turkey and Greece over ter-

ritorial waters in the Aegean

Sea and on Cyprus, as well as

Longstanding tension be-

tween Greece and Turkey

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Bearing a message for

U.S. seeks to ease

Turkey-Greece tension

separate and detailed project the Vienna meeting that the proposals for submissions to agency had already received donors next month," Dr. Abdul Moumene was quoted as saying in UNRWA state-ment. "We hope that they donors), will respond with their usual generocity."
The UNRWA advisory

commission, chaired by Husam Abu Ghazaleh of Jordan, "praised the agency for launching PIP with the aim of improving infrastructure and creating jobs for Palestinians as part of its swift response" to the signing of the auton-omy accord, said the statement. The commission also paid tribute to the U.N. agency's coordination with Palestinian institutions and the PNA, it said.

"A new future has opened for the refugees whom UN-RWA serves," the U.S. ambassador, John B. Ritch, was quoted as saying. "Over the past months we have seen visible evidence of the ability and desire of the Palestinians to take on more and more responsibility for their own Palestinian authority and for the services that government normally provide for their

In addition to regular UN-RWA programmes for Palestinian refugees living in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the agency is identified as one of the main channels for using international funds pledged to support Palesti-

nian self-rule. Dr. Abdul Moumene told

proposed widening of

Greece's territorial waters in

the Aegean from six to 12

Ankara has warned that

the proposed extension could

be a cause for war, as it

would give Greece virtual

control over Aegean mari-

Relations further also

soured following Greek

accusations that Ankara was

behind a Greco-Albanian cri-

sis over a recent trial in which

five ethnic Greeks were con-

victed on spying charges in

U.S.-Turkish relation

have also been strained since

the U.S. Congress last month

froze 10 per cent of economic

aid slated for Turkey - ab-

out \$365 million — in a bid to

persuade Ankara to improve

garding minority Kurds and

to push for a resolution of the

Reconciliation in Cyprus

working closely with the Un-

ited Nations to help bring

about a reconciliation of Cyp-

rus's ethnic communities.

President Clinton said in a

Mr. Clinton noted that

ethnic-Turkish and Greek

Cypriots, who have been liv-

ing apart since the 1974 Tur-kish invasion of the island,

have moved towards a rap-

prochement by agreeing to

new U.N. confidence-

ly with the United Nations to reconcile the remaining dif-

ferences concerning the mod-

alities of implementation" of

the new measures, Mr. Clin-

ton said in a letter dated

September 9 to the speaker

of the House of Representa-

tives and the Senate presi-

dent.

"We will be working close-

building measures.

letter released Thursday.

The United States will be

human rights record re-

time traffic.

agency had already received funds and pledges of some \$80 million for PIP projects in the Gaza Strip and West Bank. At present, there was \$100 million worth of PIP and pre-PIP projects under im-

plementation in the Gaza Strip and another \$53 million in the West Bank. These proiects include the construction of the Gaza General Hospital, schools, clinics, shelter reconstruction, sewerage schemes and the maintenance of schools and clinics. Dr. Abdul Moumene

added that UNRWA had "insisted from the beginning of the peace process that its benefits must also be felt by the refugees in Jordan, Lebanon and the Syrian Arab Republic." "I am pleased to announce that we prepared project proposals woth about \$65 million for these three fields, against which we have received \$10 million," he

However, delegates heard also that the agency faced a "structural imbalance" with regard to its financing. It was receiving generous contributions for projects while the regular budget — financing UNRWA's main education, health, relief and social services to three million refugees in Jordan, Lebanon, Syria and the Gaza Strip and West Bank - remained under-funded. The commission was told that the agency

iected deficit of \$43 million in its regular and emergency budget. It had since been able to reduce this deficit to about \$30 million.

As well as considering PIP, recent developments in the Middle East, and the agency's budget deficit, the advisory commission discussed U.N. Secretary-General Boutros Ghali's decision that UNRWA Headquarters should move to Gaza by the end of 1995.

"The commission expressed its wish to continue consultations with the commissioner-general, recognising the need to further study all aspects involved in the move, the statement said.

Dr. Abdul Moumene reported that the commissioner-general, during two recent visits to Gaza when he met PNA President Yasser Arafat, had finalised with the PNA the issue of a site for the construction of a new headquar-

The adivsory commission discussed and endorsed the commissioner-general's draft annual report covering the period July 1 1993-June 30, 1994 which will be presented to the United Nations Gener-Assembly later this year. The advisory commission is composed of 10 members: Belgium, Egypt, France, Japan, Jordan, Lebanon, Syria, Turkey, the United

Kingdom and the United

U.S. envoy slips out of chaotic Somalia

NAIROBI (R) — The U.S. envoy to Somalia has slipped out of Mogadishu, ending official American presence in the destroyed country at a time when Washington's attentions have shifted to

A U.S. embassy spokesman in Nairobi said on Friday that U.S. envoy Daniel Simpson left the Somali capital and flew to Kenya on Thursday night with a handful of security men.

He was the last U.S. official to leave the U.S. liaison office in the heavily-guarded U.N. compound in Mogaguards flew out to the Kenyan port of Mombasa on

Thursday. U.N. officials said Washington did not want public attention drawn to its officials quitting Somalia, still largely in chaos under clan warlords, while at the same time the United States was preparing for an invasion of Haiti to oust military leaders.

"It's not seen as a good idea to focus on the end of the hard U.S. experience in Somalia just as (President Bill) Clinton is gearing up for an invasion of Haiti," one official said.

Typical of the extremely low-key final U.S. departure from lawless Somalia, the spokeman said Mr. Simpson was too tired to speak to any reporters in Nairobi but might do so next week.

The subdued departure contrasted with a high-profile pullout of the last U.S. troops serving with U.N. peacekeeping forces in March and with their landing on Mogadishu's beaches in December 1992.

In a speech about Haiti on Thursday, Mr. Clinton went out of his way to assure the public U.S. forces would not get bogged down there in a plan to oust the Caribbean island's military rulers the way U.S. troops did in Somalia in an operation ordered by former President George Bush to help aid reach famine

"In Haiti we have a case in which what is right is clear the country in question is nearby our interests are plain the mission is achievable and limited, and the nations of the world stand with us," Mr. Clinton said.

The American presence in Somalia turned sour when U.S. troops became engaged in a futile cat-and-mouse urban guerrilla war to capure chief Somali warlord Mohammad Farah Aideed.

Twenty-five U.S. soldiers and airmen were killed in the bunt for General Aideed between August and October last year including 18 killed when militiamen downed two helicopters in Mogadishu.

Mr. Simpson told Reuters last month that the last American diplomats would leave Mogadishu by Thursday because Somalia had failed to make progress towards a peace agreement despite U.N. and U.S. efforts and because security only deteriorated.

"They (Somali warlords) are prepared to dance for as long as the bar is open and the orchestra is playing but they feel no urgency to reach a settlement. All of us are pretty sick of it," he said at the time.

U.S. intervention came unstuck with an undeclared war last year against Aideed militiamen which prompted Mr. Clinton to order U.S. troops to leave by March.

But since then U.S. diplomatic efforts, which officials said would now continue from Nairobi, and U.N. warnings have failed to force Gen. Aideed and his rivals to agree on a new government.

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Arab League Council backs peace process

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Palestinian people to allow them to recover their rights and establish an independent

Opening the meeting, Secretary General Esmat Abdul Meguid urged member states to help fund Palestinian self-rule, saying a financial commitment was "necessary to allow a global programme to be launched capable of promoting the required development in the autonomous territories."

PLO political department chief Farouk Kaddoumi said the Palestinian National Authority favoured bilateral cooperation with donor countries to set up a viable infrastructure in the Gaza and West Bank enclave of Jericho.

The Arab League demanded Arab states step up efforts with the United Nations, the United States and Russia - co-sponsors of the three-year Middle East peace process — to press Israel not to change the status quo of

It asked Arab states to

Israel not to make geographic and demographic changes in Jerusalem during the transitional period so as not to torpedo the last phase of permanent Israeli-Palestinian negotiations.

"The League asks the world's body to put pressure on Israel to stop erecting obstacles to the tasks of the Palestinian National Authority and to stop expanding (Jewish) settlements which are a new obstacle to peace," the statement said.

It decided to ask the United Nations to dedicate a special committee to start conducting a comprehensive survey on all Palestinian refugees and their properties.

The ministers also decided

to put pressure on Israel to "make it adhere to the nuclear Non-Proliferation Treaty and open its installations to inspection by the Internation-Atomic Energy Agency A call from U.S. President

Bill Clinton for the lifting of the Arab boycott of Israel was not discussed at the

The Arab League also de-

disputes peacefully — a proposal dating back to the 1990-1991, Gulf crisis.

The regular meeting. attended by 15 ministers and seven representatives, urged the sponsors of the peace process to work on achieving progress on the Syrian and Lebanese tracks "squatat just and comprehensive peace can be achieved."

It said the Security Council must "bear its responsibilities in securing" a full Israeli withdrawal from the Israelioccupied Syrian Golan Heights and from a border strip in South Lebanon. It urged member states to

pay money they had pledged in previous Arab summits to help reconstruct Lebanon to allow the Lebanese govern-ment to rebuild its infrastruc-

The League called on Iran to conduct serious negotiations with the United Arab Emirates to end the dispute over the islands of Greater and Lesser Tunbs and Abu Musa peacefully.

"The League backs the efforts of the UAE in its bid

justice to settle inter-Arab the three Arab islands," it

The resolutions urged Arab countries to find a peaceful solution to the crisis between Libya and the West-

em countries. The meeting also heard calls for Arab reconciliation, to heal the rift caused by the

Gulf crisis. Dr. Abdul Meguid said it was time for Arabs to put behind them the "bitterness and painful memories" of the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 that sharply divided loyalties.

An initiative he launched in March 1993 to promote Arab reconciliation should form the basis" of this process, the secretary general.

The initiative called on all-Arab countries not to inter-. fere in the internal affairs of: other states and to respect their sovereignty. But so far there have been few concrete

Dr. Rawabdeh said an atmosphere of "understanding and cooperation" domin-ated the meeting, adding that it "bodes well for reconcilia-

Sudan rejects American complaint; U.S. renews 'terrorism' charges

WASHINGTON (Agencies) - A State Department com-plaint to the Sudanese government about an alleged training site for extremists in Sudan has been answered with a rejection and insults to the U.S. ambassador, offi-

cials said Thursday.

Spokesman Mike McCurry
said Ambassador Donald Petterson gave the Sudanese government specific information about a facility supposedly used to train non-Sudanese extremists.

The facility was cited as an example of Sudanese support for "militant extremists who commit acts of terrorism in neighbouring countries," Mr. McCurry said.

He said Sudan rejected the U.S. allegation and published the information in the media in an attempt to "discredit and insult" Mr. Petterson. Mr. McCurry called the Sudanese action unhelpful and said it raises "serious questions about Sudanese willingness to engage in a gunvine dialogue on ter-

Following is the text of Mr. McCurry's statement: The government of Sudan

has repeatedly expressed its desire to engage the U.S. in dialogue on the issues that separate us. In particular, Khartoum has asked that we provide evidence of its support for international terrorism. In response to those requests, Ambassador Donald Petterson, on the instructions of the United States government, recently gave the government of Sudan specific information about a facility which has been and, we believe, continues to be used to train non-Sudanese extremists. Training for these individuals has included small arms fami-

"We have this information to Khartoum as a sample of the evidence we have that the government of Sudan supports international terrorism. As we stated at the time of the August 1993 Terrorism List decision, we believe that reports of training in Sudan of militant extremists who commit acts of terrorism in neighbouring countries are credible. In addition, the available evidence indicates that Sudan allows the use of its territory as sanctuary for terrorist groups such as the Abu Nidal Organisation, Hizbollah, Hamas, and Palestine Islamic Jihad. We believe safehouses and other support facilities for radical groups exist in Sudan with the approval of the Sudanese

government. "It is unfortunate that Sudanese government officials have chosen to respond to our information, which they requested from us, by

Khartoum's reaction, in publicising in the press and using the government-controlled media to attempt to discredit and insult Ambassador Donald Petterson, is unhelpful and raises serious questions about Sudan's willingess to engage in a genuine dia-

logue on terrorism. The United States hopes that the Sudanese government will take steps to end its support for international terrorism, and will engage with Ambassador Petterson and other U.S. officials in constructive dialogue on those issues which are of concern to

Uganda wants sanctions

Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni called on Wednesday for economic sanctions against Sudan's government, blaming it for the failure of peace talks with southern re-

"I think the international community should consider imposing economic sanctions against the Khartoum regime. That's when they will know they should stop killing their own people," Mr. Museveni told reporters in

Uganda's capital Kampala. African-brokered peace talks collapsed last week when the Khartoum government refused to soften its insistence on Islamic Sharia law and its opposition to selfdetermination for the south. The Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), which is waging civil war in

the south, wants a secolar state and either a share of

power or the right to self-Mr. Museveni accused Khartoum of arming fanatical northern Ugandan Christians who have been fighting his

government for seven years. The Lord's Resistance Army (LRA), estimated to number 2,000 fighters, is a bizarre force which wants a religious state governed according to the Bible's Ten

Commandments. Political analysts said that Khartoum could be using the LRA to disrupt supply routes to the SPLA - Uganda supports the southern rebels \mathcal{L}_{k} while Sudanese government forces try to capture the last few garrisons still not in their

"The rebellion, which was in any case started with the heavy assistance of the Sudanese government in. 1987, is largely over. But Khartoum continues to give arms and other equipment to these bandits, Mr.

Museveni said. A senior Ugandan military

official said Uganda's govern-ment army had killed 96. LRA rebels since late July.

Jury finds man guilty in Iragi case

RICHMOND (AP) -- A jury convicted a Jordan-born American citizen Thursday of violating the U.S. trade

embargo against Iraq.
The U.S. District Court panel found Al M. Harb, 32, guilty on 23 counts of conspiracy, prohibited dealing with Iraq — including unlaw-ful travel to the country and money laundering.

U.S. District Judge Robert E. Payne acquitted Mr. Harb's wife, Rula Saleem Saba Harb, 25, of 18 counts that included the same charges facing her husband except for the travel counts. Mr. Harb will be sentenced Nov. 18. He faces up to 37 years in prison and fines up to \$2 million.

Mr. Harb had elected to have his case heard by the jury of eight women and four men, while his wife opted to allow the judge to hear the government's case against

Throughout the case, Rula Harb's lawyer, John A. McCahill, argued that she knew little of the business dealings of her husband. The U.S. trade embargo

was imposed in August 1990

soon after Iraqi military forces invaded Kuwait. The embargo remains in effect. Not long after the embargo was imposed, federal prosecutors charged that Mr. Harb began prohibited trading with Iraq, first in Dayton, Ohio, and later from a rented house in Virginia. At the time the embargo

was imposed, Mr. Harb operated Expo International, an export business in Dayton. He moved to Virginia and set up another export business called Virginia International Trading Company.

The government con-tended the principal business of Virginia International Trading was procuring and exporting technology, machinery, spare parts and other goods to Iraq. Some of that material went

towards rebuilding Iraqi power stations that had been destroyed by U.S. and allied bombings during the Gulf war, which followed the invasion of Kuwait, the government said. Mr. Harb came to the Un-

ited States in 1984. He became a naturalised citizen in 1991. Also born in Jordan, Rula Harb came to United States in 1987 and gained the status of permanent resident alien in 1989.

3 Britons face murder charge in Cyprus

NICOSIA (R) — Cyprus police said on Friday they were still interrogating three British soldiers as they prepared formal charges in the brutal murder of a Danish woman tour guide.

"We are continuing the interrogation of the three as well as further investigations. The three will probably face. charges of pre-meditated. murder...," a police source told Reuters. The decomposed, battered

and naked body of 23-yearold Louise Jensen from Hirtshals, Denmark, was found in a shallow grave in the coastal town of Paralimni on Thurs-

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Tremor rocks W. Amman

By Elia Nasrallah rdan Times Staff Reporter

MMAN — A light to oderate tremor register-g 4.1 on the Richter Scale ook parts of Western mman early Friday and sted a few seconds, the ismological Centre at the oyal Scientific Society (SS) reported. Faisal yagh, head of the Build-g Materials Division at e RSS's Building Rearch Centre, told the Jorin Times Friday that tizens in Western Amman well as Wadi Seer and it lying to the west of the

it the tremor. These kinds of tremors mally occur in the Jordan ift Valley and nearby eas of Jordan located on

pital reported that they

the western boundary of the Arabian tectonic plate, said Dr. Suyagh.

The epicentre of the tremor, which occurred at around 5:20 a.m. was believed to have been some 25 kilometres west of the capital, according to Dr. Suyagh, who said no damage was reported.

Recalling the last tremor

in Jordan, Dr. Suyagh said that a series of tremors jolted Jordan between Aug. 3 and Aug. 5, 1993 affecting areas lying be-tween 80 kilometres south of Amman and 200 kilometres south of Aqaba.

Dr. Suyagh said those tremors, estimated to have been 30 in number, registered between 3.8 and 5.7 on the Richter Scale causing concern among inhabitants, but no damage was reported then either.

When light to moderate tremors occur, suspended things and light objects are known to shake or move, and glass rattles, but concrete buildings rarely sustain damage, said Dr. Suyagh. He added that tremors registering above five could cause cracks in the walls of old buildings.

Asked if Jordan could experience aftershocks following the dawn tremor, Dr. Suyagh said that it was a remote possibility.

Two tremors measuring 5 and 3.7 on the Richter Scale shook the eastern parts of Jordan in 1989 and were recorded by the RSS's Seismological Centre that reported their epicentres to

Amman. No damage to buildings was reported then, though the tremors were felt in different parts of the Kingdom.

Meanwhile Radio Israel has reported that a small earthquake centred north of Jericho shook the West Bank and Israel Friday but caused no damage or in-

The station said that the earthquake registered a preliminary magnitude of 4.1 on the Richter Scale and its epicentre was about 20 kilometres north of the self-rule area of Jericho.

According to the report, the shock waves, which were felt in the north of Israel, also occurred at 5.18

Jordan asks UNRWA to speed up aid to projects

:NNA (Petra) — Asem sheh, director of the stinian Affairs Departit, Friday urged the adviscouncil members of the I rise Agency (INRWA) to rks Agency (UNRWA) to nd up their aid to the ncy to help it carry out its ciects in Jordan and in its ⇒ 3 ar fields of operations.

elivering Jordan's ress to the annual council. eting in Vienna, Mr. sheh said that by providaid to the agency, the or nations would be reing the burdens on the b host countries which e incurred huge expendies invested in infrastrucschemes benefiting the estinian refugees.

ir. Ghoshen cautioned t aid to the agency should no means be given at the expense of the refugee problem, which, he said, should be solved through the implementation of U.N. resolu-

Mr. Ghosheh also said donor nations' aid to UN-RWA to build schools and other infrastructure projects at the camps should not be an excuse for these nations to reduce their annual financial contributions to the agency's budget for educational, social

tion of the donor nations for the direct aid to UNRWA, Mr. Ghosheh said Jordan was ready to offer the agency all facilities and cooperate with the donor nations towards alleviating the sufferings of the Palestinian refugees. Referring to UNRWA's

commissioner General's re-

and health services. Voicing Jordan's apprecia-

port, which will be submitted to the U.N. General Assembly, Mr. Ghosheh said it contains a budget for UNRWA's expenses in the 1994-5 period which amounts to \$632.3 mil-

But, he added, according to the report, only \$69 million have been allocated for Jordan's regional office, corresponding only to 20 per cent of the total budget at a time when the Kingdom hosts nearly 40 per cent of the total number of refugees as reg-

istered with the agency. Furthermore, said Mr. Ghosheh, the volume of refugees in Jordan has risen by at least 11.3 per cent this year to 1.193 million of whom nearly 80 per cent live in refugee camps, and all depend on government-supplied municipal and other

the course that the govern-

ment has adopted towards

alleviating, not increasing the

If anything, Mr. Gammoh said, "this is the time for

people to come out of their

self-assumed convictions and

fears, which are more

psychological than based on

"The government, as it outlines in the five-year plan,

is fully committed to creating

an environment and climate

conducive to investment not

destroying it by imposing new

themselves of the opportuni-

ties that present themselves

in today's forward-looking

economy of Jordan," said

Mr. Gammoh. "Otherwise, the chances will slip away or

be utilised by someone else,

and then there is no use

complaining of wasted oppor-

"Investors should avail

facts, and interact freely with

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taxes," he said.

For this reason, he said, Jordan calls on donor nations to reconsider their stand and extend more aid to the King-

dom to enable the country to shoulder its growing huma-nitarian responsibilities side by side with UNRWA. Mr. Ghosheh voiced Jordan's welcome of UNRWA's

decision to move part of its administrative offices from Vienna to its fields of operations in the Middle East, promising continued Jordanian cooperation with the The advisory council mem-

bers, which include donor nations, are revising a draft report to be submitted by the agency's commissioner general, liter Türkmen, to the U.N. General Assembly

Commercialisation of RJ to come before privatisation

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The first step towards privatising Royal Jordanian, the national car-rier, will be transforming it to a wholly government-owned commercial enterprise followed by a series of financial restructuring and reorganising of its operations, informed sources said Friday. According to the sources, proposed measures would also include reducing or eliminating some of the long-haul flights of the airline

deemed unprofitable. The sources said an international consultancy firm was expected to finalise by the end of this month a study on the financial status of RJ and procedures for recommendations for its privatisation

Parts of the results of the study, being conducted by KPMG Peat of London, were released during a workshop two weeks ago. These contained a recommendation that the first step to be undertaken is changing the airline's status as a "full-fledged commercial entity subject to all pertinent rules and regulations applied by the comptroller of companies and owned wholly by the government," said one source.

"A restructuring of the

financial status of the company will follow so that there is a better debt-equity ratio," added the source, referring to the nearly \$500 million external and internal debts of the airline.

The debt burden, which surfaced in the late 80s as a result of what industry sources describe as an overambitious expansion programme undertaken in the early 80s, was one of the main factors that prompted the government to consider privatising the airline.

The sources declined to reveal the target capital of the airline as a commercial entity as proposed. "It is definitely more than \$100 million," said another source when reminded that an earlier study conducted by international auditors Arthur Anderson had recommended that figure.

An injection of JD 35 million in government funds into the airline raised its capital to JD 58 million three months ago. Simultaneously, the government also helped RJ reschedule part of its internal debts as part of the first concrete move in many years to streamline the financial status of the airline.

The source said the KPMH Peat study would recommend additional moves to raise the capital

further.
"The results of the study would be released next month and then it is up to the government to adopt whatever action it deems fit to undertake," said the

According to the source. other measures suggested by KPMG Peat would include a "reshaping of the network of the airline to make it more regional than international."

The study has found that RJ "is not very competitive in some of the long-haul routes" and hence the recommendation to focus on regional routes, said the source. No detail was immediately available on the specific routes that the study found as nonprofitable for the airline.

Industry experts agree that the airline, which has several lucrative flight operations in Asia and Europe, is profitable in general terms, but the debt burden is eating away its profits.

The second step in privatising the airline after commercialising it is expected to come after two years when the government would invite local and international investors to buy equity but with a clear distinction - Jordanians will

retain controlling interest in the entity by maintaining a 40 per cent ceiling on

foreign capital. Transport Minister Samir Kawar, who heads a high-level committee entrusted with addressing RJ's prob-lems, told the Jordan Times last week that moves towards privatising the airline were unlikely to be undertaken before the end of the year.

Meanwhile, the govern-ment has taken a decision in principle to sell 100 per cent of the RJ-owned Alia Gateway Hotel near the Queen Alia International Airport (QAIA) and 50 per cent of the duty-free "Mall" at the airport, sources said.

"A decision to this effect was taken two months ago," said one source.

The actual deal depended on an assessment of the value of the hotel and the duty free shop."

Local reports said last week that a committee which evaluated the Gateway and the Mall had submitted its finding to the Cabinet, which is likely to conclude the transaction soon. The Social Security Corporation (SSC) and the Jordan Investment Bureau, both government-guided agencies, are the bidders.

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> în a departure statement, Dr. Dabbas said he will attend the first week of the conference which will focus on international telecommunications development and the telecommunications revolution.

> The meeting will start in Japan today.

Dr. Dabbas will also take part in another conference which will be held in Bahrain on Sept. 27.

NEWS IN BRIEF

King visits Army headquarters

AMMAN (Petra) - His Majesty King Hussein, the Supreme Commander of the Armed Forces, Thursday met with Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff General Abdul Hafez Mirai Kaabneh and discussed with him issues concerning the armed forces. His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan and Royal Court Chief Sharif Zeid Ben Shaker attended part of the meeting, which was held at the Armed Forces Headquarters.

Regional experts to discuss polio

AMMAN (Petra) - A three-day inter-country meeting on establishing polio-free zones starts here Monday under the patronage of Health Minister Aref Batayneh. Participants will review the immunization programmes in their respective countries concentrating on polio vaccination, and their strategies to eliminate polio by the year 2000. They will also discuss issues pertaining to the establishment of polio-free zones and work out a mechanism for cooperation and coordination to ensure the total elimination of polio in these countries.

No clues yet into double murder, family uncooperative — Udwan

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — Police still have no clues in their investigation into the murder of a businessman and his wife in Amman last August, and police Chief Lieutenant General Abdul Rahman Udwan blames the victims' family for not cooperating with police.

were getting the full cooperation from the victims' families, and we were able to obtain very limited information on Mr. Halaweh, except that he used to wake up, go to work and come back home from work every day," Lt. Gen. Udwan said in response to questions during a lecture held by the Rotary clubs in Jordan last Wednesday. The killing of Rushdi

Halaweh, 46, and his wife Afifa Kassasir, 34, on Aug. 15, sent shockwaves throughout the community.

The couple were shot and killed at close range while they were sleeping in their house in Um Utheina by an unidentified assailant who broke into their house, and shot at the couple several

who was sleeping in the same house was also shot by the gunman, but survived and was able to give police a description of the assailant.

"It is impossible that a person like Mr. Rushdi, a businessman who owned a large company, had no relationships with anyone other than his family," he added.

Lt. Gen. Udwan said that the police department understands citizens' concern, "but we are trying our best and looking at all possibilities." "Crimes worldwide take

time before they are solved, and sometimes it takes years before a crime is solved," Lt. Gen. Udwan said during the lecture, held as a charity fund-raising event by both the Amman/Petra and Philadelphia Rotary clubs.

Meanwhile, police apprehended and questioned more than 15 individuals in connection with the Abdul Rahman Al Ghafeki School fire, but still have no suspect. according to the school's principal Abdul Rahman

Mr. Saoud told the Jordan Times Thursday that police suspect that students from the school and a neighbour-

Seminar to devise programme for

ing school were involved insetting the Sept. 7 blaze that caused severe damage to the school's cafeteria.

"It is going to be very difficult to determine who set the school on fire out of the 350 students who attend my school and the 500 students who attend school next door," Mr. Saoud said.

The two-story prefabricated school build on fire by an intruder/s who dug a hole in a side wall, entered the school, searched teachers' drawers then set the school's cafeteria ablaze by using a small gas

"The intruders left the school empty-handed because there was nothing valuable to steal, and probably they set the school on fire in a fit of anger," Mr. Saoud said.

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Meanwhile Israel's police

Police Minister Moshe Shahal wants Jibril Rajoub, the chief of Palestinian security in Jericho, to explain how nine of his men came to be arrested by Israeli police on charges of roughing up local Palestinians, said Shahi spokesman Rafi Levy.

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Rajoub under probe

minister said that he wants the Palestinian security chief to answer a few questions about the recent exploits of his men, including kidnap-

Three more are charged with kidnapping Samih Samara, the head of Palestinian Overseas radio services,

where he remains in detention. Israeli police say Mr. Samara was grabbed out of the American Colony Hotel in Jerusalem. Mr. Samara denied the

story to Israel Radio, saying he was in Jericho on his own Mr. Rajoub said he would now answer any questions. "Shahal has no right to bring me in to be interro-

in Hebrew he learned as a prisoner in Israeli jails. "He's not my commander. three men Israel has detained on charges of kidnapping were members of his personal

Mr. Rajoub said that the bodyguard, and that they may have been mistreated.

"I heard they were beaten

and torrured in a cruel man-

ner," he said. "I hope that's

not true.

," he told Israel Radio

WHAT'S GOING ON

 ★ Seminar entitled "Islam and Christianity" by Pastor Heinz Ronecker (tackling contemporary ties between the two religions) at the Goethe-Institut at 7:00 p.m.

CONCERT

☆ Concert at the Royal Cultural Centre at 8:00 p.m. **EXHIBITIONS**

* Two exhibitions of abstract art respectively by Marwan 'Allan and a group of Jordanian artists at the Royal

à Exhibition of paintings by Nasir Thamir at Ain Art Gallery, Wadi Sagra St. (Tel. 644451). ☆ "The Golden Crown Exhibition" of Jordanian national products at the Amman Auto Exhibition, Airport Road,

★ Exhibition of oil paintings by Rashad Salim at Ab'ad Arty Gallery (10:00 a.m.-7:00 p.m.) (Tel. 819861).

☆ Exhibition of paintings by Syrian artist Walid Karisli at Baladna Art Gallery (Tel. 687598). ☆ "The Diness Exhibit" — beginnings of photography in

Jerusalem and the Holy Land at the American Center

AMMAN (Petra) — The United Nations Fund for Population Activities (UN-FPA), in cooperation with the Ministry of Education,

today is organising a three-day seminar on "Population Education — the First Stage" — at the Ammoun Hotel in Amman to review working papers on population education, according to Badia Murad, head of the Ministry of Education's Cultural Rela-

tions Department. In a statement Friday, Mrs. Murad said that the seminar aims at defining the objectives of population education in Jordan and proposing ways for providing such education in the schools.

The seminar will attempt to pinpoint the main population problems in the country and identify the most effi-cient educational methods of dealing with them, according to Mrs. Murad who added that experiments in population education in other Arab countries will be reviewed by

the participants.

She said that directors of education, education supervisors and heads of departments will be involved in the meetings which would focus on the close links between population and socioeconomic development.

According to Mrs. Murad, a ministry committee has been formed to follow up on introducing subjects related to population education to the textbooks of the basic education stage.

Another committee has been set up to conduct a

population education — ministry survey related to population education and suggest ideas to be introduced in the tex-. tbooks of the following school stages, said Mrs.

Murad She recalled that His Majesty King Hussein had called in 1988 for measures to be taken to strike a balance between the population dimension and the geographical distribution of resources, noting then that Jor-' dan's population rates were among the highest in the

Referring to the U.N. par-ticipation in the programme, Mrs. Murad said a UNFPA team visited Jordan in 1991 and proposed providing technical aid to help the country embark on population education programmes.

World Bank increases assistance to Jordan as part of IMF programme — Gammoh

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

exhibition hall, Abdoun

AMMAN — The World Bank has increased its contribution of assistance to help Jordan's balance of payments as part of the Kingdom's eco-nomic restructuring program-me agreed with the Interntional Monetary Fund (IMF), Finance Minister Sami Gam-

moh said. Friday. Mr. Gammoh said the total amount of World Bank assistance to Jordan in three years starting this year now stands at 152 million special drawing rights (SDRs) — equivalent to about \$215 million — after the addition of 25 million SDRs (about \$35 million).

"This is part of the finan-cial help for Jordan that the

International Monetary Fund

and the World Bank are extending within the framework of the economic restructuring programme undertaken by Jordan," the finance minister said.
"The assistance will be

used to help address Jordan's

balance of payments," Mr. Gammoh told the Jordan The finance minister described the IMF-initiated World Bank move as a strong indication "of the support of the international community for Jordan" and the King-

ing self-reliance.
"This assistance also comes as a reaffirmation of the commitment of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank to help Jordan

dom's efforts towards achiev-

face all eventualities," Mr. dan. Similar programmes in Gammoh added. The World Bank aid is

available in quarterly tranches and Jordan has already received two tranches this year. The third tranch will be available in the third quarter of the year.

The World Bank has assumed the leading role in trying to address jordan's economic problems and address them through basic economic reform aimed at cost efficiency and improved performance of the various sectors, Mr. Gammoh noted.

The World Bank is now involved in carrying out reforms in the health, communications, energy, water and transport sectors of Jor-

the agricultural sector and industrial sector are being drawn up.

The IMF and the World Bank have given high marks to Jordan for its adherence to the economic restructuring programme and often cite the Kingdom as an example for Third World countries implementing reforms aimed at achieving self-reliance.

The two international economic and monetary watchdogs have been highly instrumental in securing debt rescheduling agreements for Jordan. The latest such agreement was reached in late June with the Paris Club of creditor governments involving \$1.215 billion.



Sami Gammoh

North Korea, U.S. at odds over nuclear reactor choice

SEOUL (AFP) — Efforts to still the Korean nuclear crisis were dented Friday as Pyongyang and Washington fell out over the choice of replacement for North Korean reactors at the heart of a suspected nuclear weapons programme.

North Korea fired a verbal broadside at the South and defiantly renewed its objections to full international scrutiny of its nuclear activi-

U.S. Assistant Secretary of State Robert Gallucci slammed North Korea's insistence that it choose the type of reactors to replace its controversial existing models.

"That is ludicrous, it's almost too much to take it seriously." he said at a press conference here, adding: "I have no intention to reconcile with (North Korea) on this issue.

He was commenting on a North Korean statement Thursday that ruled out using South Korean models to replace the North's graphite nuclear reactors - which generate plutonium, a substance used in atomic bombs with the safer light-water ver-

Kim Jong-U, who led a North Korean delegation to talks with the United States.

VIENNA (AFP) - Interna-

tional trafficking in radioac-

tive materials and North

Korea's controversial nuclear

programme will top the agen-

da at the annual general

assembly of the 121-nation

International Atomic Energy

Agency, which opens here

The trafficking issue has

taken on such urgency that it

was added to the assembly's

initial agenda at the request

A draft resolution is ex-

pected to ask the IAEA's

director general to step up

current measures to curb the

The agency has been

gathering and analysing in-

formation supplied by mem-

of the European Union.

Monday.

illegal trade.

as the buyer of the replacement equipment. North Korea should have the right to choose the reactor SUD-

The North Korean officials ruled out Russian equipment as unacceptable from a technical and safety point of view, and instead mentioned other big Western names such as Siemens of Germany, Framatome of France and America's Westinghouse as suppliers that might interest

Pyongyang.

But Mr. Gallucci, chief U.S. negotiator in sensitive talks aimed at ending North Korea's nuclear stand-off. said the South should play "a central role in financing and constructing" the reactors in the North.

We could not see a model financially viable other than South Korean models," he

South Korea insisted that it would not provide financial aid unless it was assured of a key role in constructing the reactors. But North Korea fears it would have to rely on the South's expertise for power generation.

"North Korea made a statement which broke the principle reached at Geneva talks," a South Korean Fore-

issue appears less urgent than

it appeared a few months ago

with much of the tension

defused in bilateral talks with

Pyongyang also authorised

two IAEA inspectors to peek

into two more of the seven

nuclear sites it declared in

1992. The inspectors found

no evidence that North

Korea has been diverting plu-

tonium from its nuclear pow-

er plants to make atomic

They determined that

North Korea has not pro-

duced plutonium since

February 1993 in one of two

fuel reprocessing units as its

Yongbyon nuclear complex.

The agency's director general, Hans Blix said Mon-

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ign Ministry official told

The official, who preferred to remain ananymous, said that at the earlier Geneva meeting last month, North Korea agreed to leave all issues concerning the supply of reactors up to Washington.

"South Korea and the United States will not accept this," the South Korean official said. The North Korean News Agency (KCNA), monitored

in Tokyo, blasted South Korea for promoting a reactor type that was essentially a U.S. design and "a useless antique... a cripple in the womb, there being problems in its safety before its birth." It also reiterated Pyongyang's rejection of Interna-

tional Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) demands to open all its nuclear sites to agency inspectors.

"We can never allow it, because it is a wanton infringement on our sovereignty and part of the policy of stifling the DPRK," the official news agency said, referring to North Korea's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. It attacked such demands as an attempt by the IAEA to

"put a spoke in the wheel of DPRK-U.S. talks," and

reprocessing of recently

It takes about eight kilog-

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However, the inspectors were not allowed to take

certain measurements (gam-

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North Korea has steadfast-

ly denied possession of an

atomic weapon and says it

has no intention of building

But, it removed spent fuel-

rods from the Yongbyon

reactor in June in defiance of

IAEA requests to monitor

North Korea pulled out of

the IAEA in June after the

organisation withdrew all

technical assistance except in

the medical field, and has still

nium to make a bomb.

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warned the situation "will be more complicated" if the agency let this "old mode of thinking" prevail.

An IAEA report this week said that inspection of a contested North Korean reprocessing site at the Yongbyon complex, 100 kilometres (60 miles) north of Pyongyang, showed that it had produced no plutonium since February

But it stressed that the inspectors had not been authorised to enter a second reprocessing site in an "advanced state of construction." Nor have inspectors been admitted to two other sites suspected of being used to stock waste.

In a related development, reports here said that the United States and North Korea neared agreement at expert-level talks in Pyongyang this week to exchange liaison offices with "consular

But Mr. Gallucci said U.S. delegates had only held factfinding talks in Pyongyang. "We are at the preliminary stage," he said, adding

Washington would seek rapprochement with Pyongyang only in parallel with improvement in inter-Korean relations.

It also categorically refuses

access to two undeclared sites

where the IAEA suspects

nuclear waste is stocked,

possibly from a military prog-

Nevertheless, the draft re-

solution on the North Korean

question is fairly moderate so

as not to hinder on-going

negotiations between North

Korea and the United States.

tional community's "con-

cern" that Pyongyang is con-

tinuing to violate the guaran-

tee agreement. It also ex-

presses the hope that North

Korea will rejoin the IAEA

and calls on Pyongyang to

open all its sites to inspec-

tion, including the two unde-

The IAEA's general assembly is also to discuss an

Israeli request for technical

aid which was withdrawn af-

ter Israel bombed the Iraqi

reactor in Tamuz in 1981.

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U.S. Marines stand around the coffin containing remains of U.S. Capt. John Dunham Moscow (AFP photo)

Body of U.S. cold war pilot flown home

MOSCOW (AFP) — The body of a man believed to have been a U.S. Air Force captain shot down while on a spying mission over the Soviet Union 42 years ago was flown back to the United States Thursday.

After a U.S.-Russian ceremony on the tarmac of Moscow's Sheremyetevo-I Airport, the flag-draped metal casket containing the remains of Captain John Dunham was carried by a Marine honour guard on to a giant C-141 U.S. Air Force plane.

"It does my heart good to see a soldier go home even after 42 years in a place as remote from America," said Richard Miles, deputy chief of mission at the U.S. embassy here.

Capt. Dunham had been listed as missing since Oct. 7, 1952, when his eight-man RB-29 reconaissance plane was blown apart by a Soviet Air Force figher over the Kuril Islands off Russia's east

The bodies of the other seven airmen, who were flying in an area Washington claimed as U.S. airspace at the height of the cold war, have never been recovered. The U.S. government has confirmed 38 downings of U.S. aircraft

them by Soviet forces. Unknown to the Americans, the body of the 22year-old aviator was picked up out of the sea by a Russian

during the cold war, not all of

were sure they had the right Border Guard who took the dead man's ring and kept it for the next four decades, before telling his story.

It is unknown exactly when the pilot died. His parachute and life raft had opened, but this may have been caused by the impact of hitting the water after falling thousands of feet, said U.S. Colonel Michael Semenec.

Under orders from Moscow, the body was buried on Yurii, a tiny, barren island now home to fewer than a dozen Border Guards and some livestock.

In 1992, the United States was given a declassified letter to Stalin referring to Capt. Dunham and a year later the man who had pulled the body from the water came forward after seeing an advertisment placed by the Americans in a local newspaper.

However, investigators from the U.S.-Russia Joint Commission on POW/MIAs (prisoners of war, missing in action), which searches for war victims from both countries, did not find the grave until Sept. 2 after weeks com-

bing Yurii Island. Capt. Dunham's former wife, who remarried a decade after the incident, and the

daugther he barely knew were informed immediately. The United States will not have incontrovertible proof of the body's identity until the U.S. Army Central Identification Laboratory in

Hawaii conducts tests, but

even after 42 years officials

Apart from documentary

evidence provided by the Russian government and the former guard's testimony, a sleeve in the grave was found under ultraviolet light to bear a patch that read "U.S. Air Force," said Col. Semenec, a member of the POW/MIA commission.

The cold war victim was given a brief send-off from Moscow's airport at a ceremony attended by two Russian generals and more than a dozen other military and civilian officials.

"For 42 years Capt. Dunham was buried in a foreign land, but today he begins his journey home," Col. Semenec said as a strong wind pulled at the edges of the Stars and Stripes over the casket.

Major General Anatoli Volkhov, also a member of the POW/MIA commission. said the ceremony for his former foe was in honour of qualities such as "dignity" and "duty to his motherland."

The casket will be flown to Hawaii via Germany and Washington state. Once the identity of the body has been confirmed as Capt. Dunham, it will be buried at a site of the family's choosing probably in Arlington National Cemetery in Washington or in Maryland where Capt. Dunham's wife lives, U.S. officials said.

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Unknown Lennon recording fetches \$122,500

LONDON (AP) — A record-

ing of John Lennon singing with his teenage band in a Liverpool youth club nearly 40 years ago sold for £78,500 (\$122,500) at Sotheby's Thursday. EMI, the Beatley original recording company, bought the jangly reel of tape, along with the heavy tape-recorder that a young fan lugged to the club on a Saturday night in July 1957 to record an obscure group, the Quarry Men. Bob Molyneaux, now a retired policeman, realised he had something special when the Quarry Men metamorphosed into the Beatles. He put the tape in a bank vault. "It's a unique part of music history that EMI felt it really had to have," EMI spokesman David Hughes said. The sak price was less than the ano tion house had hoped. Sotheby's, in advance publicity, anticipated that the tape would raise more than £100,000 (\$156,000). But everyone was pleased, said Sotheby's spokesman Simon De Burton. "There was no precedent for estimating a value," he said. Molyneau said the day he made the recording, Paul McCartney, chubby 15-year-old, was also watching the Quarry Men, and met Lennon for the first time. "It is undoubtedly a historic recording," said Hughes. "It was made on the day... The Beatles were born, you could say." The tape was the centerpiece of sale of more than 900 pieces of rock 'n roll memorabilia that raised nearly £920,000 (\$1.4 million). Some items didn't-sell, including two Jim Hendrix guitars from 1968 which Sotheby's had valued at a total of £100,000 (\$156,000).

Doctors need acting lessons to show sympathy

LONDON (R) — Medical students should be taught port, two Canadian doctors now." Dr. Finestone, a spe-cialist at a university hospital in London, Ontario, who often treats people in chronic pain, said it was essential to convey messages of concent and encouragement to the patient and family and friends. The two said medical

WASHINGTON (R) Hours before President Bill Clinton was due to speak to the nation about a possible U.S.-led invasion of Hain, stores near the White House were reporting brisk sales of maps of the Caribbean na tion. "We are sold out as of now," said Paul Weisser, who works in a large book store in central Washington. We had a dozen at the

Swedish politicians WOO undecided

voters STOCKHOLM (R) - Swedish politicians Friday sought to win the hearts and minds of a million voters who say they have yet to decide which way to vote in Sunday's elec-

tions. The opposition Social Democratic Party (SDP), seen by opinion polls a month ago as cruising into office, is now polling around 44 per

cent of the electorate. Single-party governments are rare in Sweden and SDP leader Ingvar Carlsson has said he wants to join forces with the centrist Liberal Party. But the latest opinion surveys suggest the two will only just scrape together a

majority.
With a massive 1.5 million of the 6.5-million strong electorate having already voted by post and four million already committed to a particular party, around one million Swedes have yet to decide, according to the sur-

Mr. Carlsson has been puzzled at his party's loss of momentum, with some pointing to SDP statements that Swedes will have to pay more tax to try to clean up economic problems.

Toivo Sjoren, of polling institute SIFO, said the fall in support could not be explained by SDP warnings that some child benefits would have to be curbed under a new government.

"It's rather a symbol that hopes the SDP would protect all welfare benefits have been dented," he said. Swedes were hit by four

opinion polls Friday, with three of them confirming waning support for the SDP, which has campaigned strongly on keeping Sweden's welfare state.

Analysts say SDP support began fading soon after Swedish industrialists and financial markets began an aggressive campaign to con-vince politicians of the need to curb massive debt and its budget deficit.

analysis have not indicated not reopened all seven sites. Russia hopes for Tajik peace as fighting worsens

IAEA to tackle nuclear trafficking, N. Korea programme

DUSHANBE (R) - Fight- they trusted, Deputy Parliaing intensified Friday be- ment Chairman Abdulmadtween Tajik rebels and government forces backed By Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS), but a senior Russian diplomat held out fresh hopes of reconciliation.

Russia's role in helping defend Tajikistan's border with Afghanistan was marred by the deaths of four more Russian Border Guards. Interfax News Agency said they were killed by a landmine in the tajik mountains. Four others were injured.

"Neither side in the Tajik military confrontation is in a position to achieve a decisive victory by force," ITAR-TASS news agency quoted Vadim Kuznetsov, head of the Foreign Ministry's CIS Department, as saying.

"The internal Tajik conflict can only be settled through negotiations," he

Mr. Kuznetsov said he felt 'definite optimism' about peace talks now being held in Tehran under U.N. auspices. He pointed out that opposition leaders had agreed to meet a government leader

zhid Dostiyev.

But military activity has increased since the Central Asian country's acting head of state, Imamli Rakhomonov, bowed to Russian pressure last week and appealed to opposition leaders to come home and take part in elec-

Presidential elections due in September were postponed until November to give the rebels, a broad alliance of Islamists and democrats who lost a civil war in 1992 to the current pro-Moscow leadership, time to organise their return.

The opposition, until now confined to bases over the Tajik-Afghan border and to pockets of resistance in mountainous eastern Tajikistan, immediately launched an attack on the key central region around the town of

Tajikistan is shaped control over it.

rather like the figure eight. Tavildara is in the country's narrow central "waist" Defence Ministry sources said Friday that government forces had virtually regained

Liberians catch failed Monrovia coup leader

MONROVIA (R) - Liberian civilians Friday captured and beat the disguised leader of a failed coup attempt and handed him over to African

intervention troops.
Former Armed Forces of Liberia (AFL) Chief Charles Julue led about 100 disgrun-tled AFL fighters who briefly seized the West African country's administrative centre Thursday but were forced out by a massive assault by the ECOMOG intervention forces.

Gen. Julue, well-known to most Liberians and hated for his brutal suppression of unrest under former President Samuel Doe, escaped a land and sea bombardment of the executive mansion and slipped through a cordon of 1,000 ECOMOG troops, relief sources said.

"He managed to slither away with most of his men. I can't imagine how," a relief worker said.

But witnesses told Reuters he was recognised by civilians near the American embassy in Monrovia Friday morning, despite being disguised in Arab robes and head-dress.

Passers-by beat him and stripped him before handing him over to an ECOMOG Patrol. He was later seen by reporters crouched naked and handcuffed on a bare floor at ECOMOG Head-

His fighters are believed to have made their way back to AFL barracks, not far from the mansion which was once the seat of Liberia's presidents but now houses administrative offices.

Hurd wants China to 'deepen' Hong Kong cooperation

HONG KONG (AFP) British Foreign Secretary Douglas Hurd wound up a fact-finding visit to Hong Kong Friday with a strong plea to China "to deepen and widen" cooperation in the гип-ир to 1997.

Speaking to reporters, Mr. Hurd specifically called for the Sino-British Joint Liaison Group (JLG) — the diplomatic body hammering out the technical aspects of the change of sovereignty - to speed up its work dramatically in the last 33 months of British rule.

The JLG meets next Tuesday for three days in Beijing, ahead of talks at the end of the month in New York between Mr. Hurd and Chinese Foreign Minister Qian

"We are serious about making progress in coopera-tion with China for the benefit of Hong Kong," said Hurd, who was flanked by Governor Chris Patten.

"We are serious... because there is a shared interest — Britain's interest, China's interest. Hong Kong's interest that this cooperation should succeed," he added.

While the JLG is near agreement on financial arrangements for Hong Kong's \$20.3 billion new airport and related work, Mr. Hurd stressed: "Cooperation needs to deepen and widen, as foreseen in the joint de-daration," the 1984 treaty which set the terms of Hong Kong's handback.

Mr. Hurd's visit, the first in 15 months, came amid a new Sino-British spat over the awarding of a major container terminal franchise to a consortium led by Jardine Matheson Ltd., Hong Kong's biggest British-controlled trading house.

This week China alleged, through a press commentary. that Jardines won the job for backing Mr. Patten's democratic reforms. Mr. Patten and his staff flatly deny the charge, while Jardines has kept silent.

KALININGRAD, Russia (AFP) — Key opposition leaders called here Friday for the immediate resignation of the Russian government and for early presidential elec-The demand was contained in an official statement pub-

lished at the close of a "Congress of Patriotic Forces" and signed notably by Alexander Rutskoi, the former vicepresident, and Gennady Zyuganov, head of the Communist Party.

The call for early elections and the government's resignation violated a political pact signed earlier this year by Mr. Yeltsin and most of the country's leading politi-cians, aimed at stabilising the

Mr. Rutskoi, who had just been freed under an amnesty after being jailed for his role in the October 1993 armed revolt, and Mr. Zyuganov were among the few leading political figures who did not sign the pact.

Presidential elections are due to be held by June 1996. The two-day congress in the west Russian enclaves of Kaliningrad was billed as an effort by leaders of Russia's main opposition movements to forge a united front with the common objective of replacing Yeltsin and reversing

Both the parliamentary opposition and various other anti-Yeltsin movements however remain deeply divided on many fundamental issues and analysts predicted that their diverging objec-tives would make it difficult

er marked a sharpening of the tone from key opposition leaders following half a year of relative calm and debate that centered on foreign policy and marginal domestic The statement also called

be declared the "day of the

announced plans to organise a second congress next month aimed at strengthening ties between anti-Yeltsin groups and selecting a common candidate to run for presi-

Vladimir Zhirinovsky, leader of the ultranationalist Liberal Democratic Party and a key figure who has

Yeltsin foes demand early ballo

reforms.

for them to unite. Friday's statement howev-

for Oct. 4 — the anniversary of the crushing of the 1993 parliamentary rebellion - to

Russian patriot." The opposition leaders also

made clear his presidential ambitions, did not attend the Kaliningrad congress.

Several other notable opposition figures, including Sergei Baburin, a nationalist member of parliament and Colonel Viktor Alksnis, a leader of the nonparliamentary nationalist group Russian National Congress, were present.

Earlier this year, the speaker of the upper house of the Russian parliament, a Yeltsin supporter, called for postponing both the 1996 presidential elections as well as legislative elections scheduled to be held by the end of

That proposal was initially denounced by opposition groups and treated coolly by the Kremlin but nonetheless continues to be discussed in political circles as a possible option.

Earlier this week a top Kremlin official voiced support for organising simultaneous legislative and presidential elections in 1996.

Mr. Yeltsin remains on vacation on the Black Sea while the next parliamentary session was due to begin Oct. 5.

Parliament sends Mitsotakis for trial

ATHENS (R) — The Greek parliament voted Thursday to send former Conservative Prime Minister Constantine Mitsotakis for trial on four charges, including taking a bribe in the sale of a state cement firm.

The 300-seat parliament decided to try Mr. Mitsotakis on charges of breach of faith, taking bribes, morally instigating a crime and violating his duties as a cabinet member, House Speaker Apostolos Kaklamanis said.

"After the vote he is being sent to be tried by a special court..." Mr. Kaklamanis said. Mr. Mitsotakis, 75, is ac-

cused of receiving a \$22.5 million bribe in the 1992 sale of the state Aget Heracles Cement Company to Italy's Calcestruzzi when he was prime minister. He has denied any wrong-

doing and says the case is a personal vendetta against "It is an act of personal revenge aimed exclusively at me," he told parliament ahead of the vote. Conservative deputies walked out before the vote in

protest. Only 179 parliamentarians were present. The charges, all surrounding the sale of Heracles, were voted on separately. The breach of faith charge had

162 ballots for, one against, 15 blanks and one spoilt. Fewer deputies voted to send Mr. Mitsotakis to court for moral instigation of a crime, with 152 for, 12 against, 14 blanks and one

The ruling Socialist Pasok Party, which has a 170-seat majority in parliament. opened the case after winning elections in October 1994. The vote showed not all Socialist deputies supported Mr. Mitsotakis' prosecution.

The Communist Party cast blank ballots while the nationalist political Spring Party voted to send him to court only on one charge, that of taking a bribe. Parliament also voted to

send to trial for breach of faith former Industry Minister Andreas Andrianopoulos and former Finance Minister Ioannis Palaiokrassas. A special investigating all-

party committee, where Socialist deputies also had the majority, decided this month to propose to parlia-ment that Mr. Mitsotakis and his former ministers be sent to a special court. The committee also said that former Aget Vice President Nikos Georgiadis and

businessman Iraklis Mathiopoulos were accomplices in the scandal and asked for their prosecution. Parliament voted to try Mr. Georgiadis and Mr. Mathiopoulos along with the three politicians.

The Heracles sale, the only success in the conservative government's ambitious privatisation plan, had been dogged by allegations of scandal since the state Greek National Bank emerged as a surprise bidder.

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acting so they can give patients better emotional supsaid. Writing in the British medical journal the Lancet, David Conter and Hillel Finestone said: "We think doctors must be actors better actors than they are Read peace deduced a substitution of the control of the contro training should include an acting curriculum.

U.S. shops sell out of Haiti maps

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Young Rwandan refugees play in the stagnating water of a pond at the Katale camp, 50 kilometres from the Zairean border town of Goma (AFP photo)

Hutus enter aid agency compound to carry out killing not supposed to supply food

GOMA, Zaire (Agencies) -Hutu militants from Rwanda dragged a countryman out of a Dutch-run camp near Goma and stoned him to death after accusing him of being a Tutsi spy trying to

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poison a water tank. For weeks, militants have waged a deadly campaign to incite the estimated 1.2 million Rwandan Hutus in Zaire against the victorious Tutsi rebel government at home.

Dozens of Hutu refugees who have advocated returning to Rwanda have been killed or beaten, and the extremists have warned refugees to beware of "Tutsi spies" in the camps.

But Thursday was the first time the militants invaded a compound run by a foreign aid agency to kill someone, a spokesman for the U.N. High Commission for Refugees -said Friday.

"We could do nothing. What could we do?" the spokesman, Kris Janowski, asked. "The U.N. does not have a protection force."

The killing has spread new fear among the 1,000 foreign aid workers helping the Hutu refugees living in camps in eastern Zaire.

A group of six Hutu militants spotted the middle-aged man near the Dutch-run camp in in Mugunga, just north of Goma, which has a drinking water tank.

"They wanted to get the man, but he managed to take shelter inside the compound," Mr. Janowski told reporters.

"After some minutes, the killers came inside the camp and dragged him away," he said, "Within minutes the man was dead.

It was not immediately known how many foreign aid workers were inside the compound at the time of the killing.

Until now, no aid workers have been killed. But relief organisations fear that rumours about Tutsi spies, poisoned water supplies and other accusations could trigger a mob reaction and endanger their safety.

"We are all working under a very difficult situation already. The rumours have added to the problem," said John Springs, field chief of

the U.N. Children's Fund. Mr. Janowski said the rumours were creeating a general feeling of insecurity in the three main camps in Goma, where an estimated 840,000 refugees live.

Zaire became the home of Hutu refugees in July after they fled the advancing army of Tutsi rebels now in power in Rwanda.

More than 800,000 other Hutu refugees are in other countries.

Tutsi rebels resumed their long-running battle after up to 500,000 Tutsi civilians were slaughtered in massacres orchestrated by the ousted Hutu government. Many of the killers now live in the three main camps in eastern Zaire.

The Magunga refugee camp is evolving into an unofficial base for troops loyal to the ousted government.

An aid worker in Mugunga camp who declined to be identified because of fear of retaliation said women and children were leaving only to be replaced by men of military age mingling with thousands of troops loyal to the former Rwandan government who visit Mugunga each

"We are seeing the camp being turned into a base for re-invastion (of Rwanda)," he told Reuters. "And for that reason we do not want to stay here. We don't want to

planning to go back to war."
The U.S. representative to Rwanda, Shaharyar Khan, said last week U.N troops saw armed men in military fatigues crossing into Rwanda from Zaire and Burundi apparently preparing for a guerrilla war against the victorious Rwanda Patriotic

Front (RPF). Mr. Khan held talks this week with Zairean President Mobutu Sese Seko on the deteriorating security in the

eastern Zaire camps. Aid agencies estimate 28,000 troops of the defeated Rwandan army crossed into eastern Zaire with nearly a million refugees in July, some were disarmed but many retained and hid weapons.

Thousands of troops who стоssed without families sleep in a camp five kilometres northwest of Mugunga but during the day walk to the civilian camp, which has an estimated 200,000 residents.

The soldiers direct the flow of aid agency vehicles, drink locally brewed banana beer, smoke marijuana and help themselves to food distributed to refugees by international agencies.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Refeugees has repeatedly asked Zairean authorities to isolate the soldiers in a camp separate from civilians but Zairean officers say the army in the area does not have the manpower for such a dangerous operation. to soldiers but it is impossible to them stop taking it, espe-cially when most Mugunga residents support the exiled Hutu government.

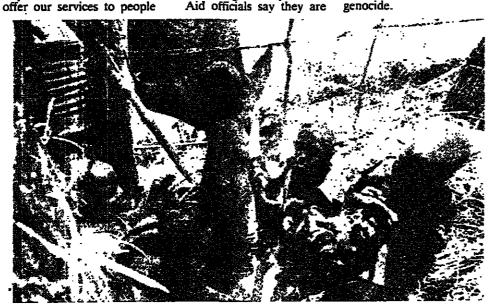
There is little evidence in Mugunga of the simmering tension between civilians and the troops and militiamen loyal to the toppled government in other camps around te town of Goma .

"These soldiers are my people," said Jean-Marie, who said he was a gardener from the northern Rwandan town of Byumba. "I don't care what is happening over there (in Rwanda). As long as they (soldiers and civilians) are here, I am at home.

A U.N. military spokesman told reporters Thursday that it was possible U.N. troops would be sent into the camps to separate the Rwandan soldiers and militiamen from the civilians.

Such a move would help camps where intimidating militiamen and soldiers discourage refugees from returning to Rwanda but would have little effect in Mugunga where the population appears united.

In the Hauge, an international conference on rebuilding Rwanda after three months of ethic carnage opened Friday with the European Union (EU) pledging to punish those responsible for genocide.



Young Rwandana refugees sing in a shack above the Katale camp (AFP photo)

NATO gives U.N. peacekeepers extra air cover

SARAJEVO (R) — NATO has agreed to extend the scope of its air cover for U.N. peacekeepers in Bosnia and under pressure to take tougher action against Bosmian Serbs, informed sources said Friday.

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The moves followed attacks on the northwest Muslim enclave of Bibac and increasing violations of weapons exclusion zones by Serbs opposed to an international peace plan.
The U.N. said NATO had

agreed to give air support to U.N. peacekeepers in Bihac if they were attacked again from rebel Serb territory in neighbouring Croatia. French U.N. troops are

deployed in the enclave where Bihac town has been declared a safe haven by the United Nations. U.N. commanders can

already call up NATO support when their men are endangered in Bosnia but the rules of engagement have not previously included Croatia. Bosnian and Croatian serb forces who surround the

Bihac pocket have fought its Muslim defenders this month though NATO has not so far been asked to intervene.

Pressure for a tougher line against the Besnian Serbs was expected from the United States and NATO ambassadorial meeting in Brussels, diplomatic sources

NATO hawks worry that the alliance's credibility is suffering from the lack of reaction to Serb violations of weapons exiusions zone which have increased since the peace plan was expected.

U.N. peacekeepers have the power to call for retaliatory NATO air strikes but have not done so far fear of inciting Bosnian Serb retaliation against their forces on the ground.

Diplomats said NATO countries were divided on how to react to the Serb challenge.

The rift reflected wider divisions between the United States and its allies over how to deal with the Serbs rejection of a big power peace plan to divide Bosnia between Serbs and a federation of Muslims and Croatia.

Washington will press the U.N. to lift its arms embargo on the Muslim-led Bosnian government unless the Serbs accept the plan by Oct. 15. But it has failed to gain the support of other authors of the peace plan, including Russia, Britain and France, who have threatened to withdraw their peacekeeping troops from Bosnia if the

embargo is lifted. In reality, Western countries including the United States appear to have decided to concilidate the Serbs.

Plans for muscular Western monitoring of Yugoslavia's military blockade in the Bosnian Serbs have been quietly shelved.

A token force of civilian volunteers has been sent instead to work under Yugoslav police and customs supervision with the declared mission of ensuring that only humanitarian aid crosses the

The West is under strong Russian pressure to reward Serbian President Slobodan Milosevic for the blockade by the swift easing of U.N. sanctions, even without effective border monitoring.

Mr. Milosevic, one of the main architects of the 29month war, has described the peace plan as a fair solution for the Bosnian Serbs, who control 70 per cent of Bosnia and will get half of the former Yugoslav republic under the plan. They represent only 30

per cent of the population. U.N. fuel stocks in Sarajevo have plunged be-cause of a Bosnian Serb refusal to allow resupply convoys through, a U.N. spokes-man said Friday, as the Bosnian capital was without water, gas or electricity for the

A convoy of 260 tonnes of fuel is blocked in Kiseljak, some 30 kilometres (18 miles) west of Sarajevo, as a result of a two-month Serb ban on fuel convoys into the city.

first time since December.

The two main lines into the city have been down since late Wednesday, and the lack of power has put out of action the Bacevo water pumping station, which supplies Sarajevo with 80 per cent of its water.

U.N. Protection Force (UNPROFOR) spokeswoman Claire Grimes said it was "much too early to speculate" whether the supply problems were linked to a threat by Bosnian Serb leader RAdovan Karadzic to tighten the stranglehold on Muslim enclaves if Belgrade imposed economic sanctions against

the rebel Serbs in Bosnia-Herzegovina. In Sarajevo, UNPROFOR spokesman Bernard Labarsouque said fuel supplies were at a "very low level" as 'convoys are getting through from Kiseljak to Sarajevo because the Serbs are refusing

them permission to pass." Low level was usually defined as enough fuel for 20 days normal operations. Lieutenant Colonel Labar-UNPROFOR announced

it was halving the fuel ration given to the international press corps here because of the shortages. Meanwhile William Eagle-

ton, the U.N. coordinator for the restoration of essential services in Sarajevo, had contacted the Serbs over the utilities situation," Ms. Grimes said.

"He has asked them to look into it. He called (Bosnian Serb authorities in) Pale to ask them that if there was some-one tampering with the gas then it should cease," she

Clinton crosses line on commitment to Haiti invasion

WASHINGTON (R) — The United States is poised to send an "overwhelming force" into Haiti to oust its defiant military leaders in an action that could be over in a matter of hours, Defence Secretary William Perry said

Friday. Mr. Perry was speaking hours after President Bill Clinton told Americans that he was committed to use force if the leaders defy an ultimatum to permit a return of democracy in their im-poverished Caribbean coun-

In his televised speech Thursday night Mr. Clinton warned the junta led by Lieutenant Raoul Cedras: Your time is up. Leave now or we will force you from power."

Mr. Perry told NBC News: "The military aspect would be over in a matter of hours. at most a day or two." As he spoke, two aircraft carriers prepared to join an armada of warships already waiting in the waters off Haiti.

Military officials have said everything would be ready for an invasion by Saturday or Sunday. Mr. Perry said the U.S. forces were on a high state of alert and "they could. hold that edge for some days."

Mr. Perry conceded that there would probably be American casualties if the invasion goes ahead but the overwhelming size of the force, expected to include about 20,000 troops, was intended to minimise casualties on both sides.

Mr. Clinton's firm, unequivocal language in his address left no room to believe he might be bluffing, even though his policy is unpopular, and a military debacle could further undermine his shaky presidency.

"In Haiti we have a case in which what is right is clear. The country in question is nearby. Our interests are plain, the mission is achievable and limited, and the nations of the world stand with us. We must act," Mr. Clinton said.

A poll conducted by CNN showed evidence of the timerallying around the number of targets simul-



U.S. President Bill Clinton sits at his desk following his address to the nation from the Oval Office of the White House (AFP photo)

commander-in-chief in times of crisis. But a majority of those polled said Mr. Clinton should get congressional approval before taking milit-

ary action. The feeling in Congress, among both Republicans and Democrats, has been against the invasion. Senator John McCain, an Arizona Republican and a member of the Senate Armed Services Committee, feared a long-term U.S. involvement.

"There is no exit strategy that I see that is viable ... it means a long-term commitment of American troops, Sen. McCain said

No deadline for an invasion has been announced and officials still left the door open a crack for a possible peaceful end.

The U.S. ambassador in Port-Au-Prince, William Swing, said in an interview with NBC News he would be trying to persuade the leaders to leave "up to the last mi-nute." He added: "We live in a world of miracles. Let's hope one will happen here, but the chances are dwindling by the day."

If the attack starts, defence officials said elite special forces would spearhead a lightning nighttime invasion followed closely by helicopter-borne U.S. solhonoured U.S. tradition of diers and Marines striking a

taneously.

"We have made pretty clear that the force used here will be overwhelming in order to protect the lives of our people and of innocent civilians in Haiti," said one official. "This will not be a small operation."

Gen. Cedras remained publicly defiant. "We are all ready to fight with the means we have," Gen. Cedras said, threatening resistance that could turn into massacre and civil war.

White House officials said ousted Haitian President Jean-Bertrand Aristide, who is planning a major speech in the next few days, would be going to the White House Friday. It was not immediately clear if he would meet Mr. Clinton, but officials said rep-

resentatives from countries

contributing to the U.S.-led

Haiti intervention force

would also be there. In his 16-minute speech Mr. Clinton broke news that might disarm critics of Mr. Aristide. He said Mr. Aristide, who was overthrown in a 1991 coup, has pledged to step down when his term ends in December 1995 and has committed himself to promote reconciliation

among all Haitians. Critics of the president's Haitian policy fear the Un-

mire if Mr. Aristide, whom they claim is an unpredictable leader with anti-American tendencies, seeks retribution or constitutional change.

The Haitian constitution limits the president to one

'President Aristide has told me that he will consider his mission fulfilled — not when he regains office, but when he leaves it to the next democratically elected president of Haiti," Mr. Clinton

Senate Republican leader Bob Dole said although Americans want to see Gen. Cedras ousted, Mr. Clinton did not make a convincing case that U.S. blood should be spilled to restore Mr. Aris-

tide. "If the president cannot make his case to Congress' and the American people. the United States shold not invade Haiti," Sen. Dole said. His statement suggested that Mr. Clinton's policy will be an issue in the mid-term congressional election cam-

paign. Haitian military leaders are offering to step down to avoid a U.S.-led invasion of their country, former Jamaican Prime Minister Ed-

ward Seaga said Friday. But one of the leaders vehemently denied they were seeking such a deal.

"It's completely false," Philippe Biamby, the chief of staff to military strongman

Gen. Cedras, said Mr. Seaga said the junta leaders were offering to step down if there is an agreement not to proceed with the invasion and a promise that there would be no reprisal against some 600 of their close associates.

"There is intended to be a 11th hour initiative much of which will contain aspects of the proposal put forward by the Haitian military leaders. said Mr. Seaga, who is acting as an intermediary between the de facto regime and

Washington. Mr. Seaga said he did not know whether Washington would accept the deal, but he noted that President Clinton's final notice to the junta ited Status could become Thursday suggested there mired in a Caribbean quag- would be no negotiations.

Chechen envoy in Moscow as Dudayev foes unite

Dzhokhar Dudayev, the embattled leader of Chechenya, sent a personal envoy to Moscow Friday to discuss a political deal with Russia, the Interfax News Agency said, as his foes in the breakaway Caucasus republic joined forces to oust him.

An advisor to Mr. Dudayev who asked not to be named told Interfax he had been sent "to coordinate the signing of a bilateral accord on a confederative basis' with authorities in Moscow.

He gave no details on who he would meet and what would be discussed but suggested that a compromise agreement was in the works that could bring the rebel republic at least partially back under Moscow's con-

The aide said specifically the accord would differ from those signed in the past between the federal government and various regions of the country seeking more autonomy in that it "would not affect the sovereign status" of Chechenya.

A spokesman for the Russian government said he could not confirm the Interfax report and was aware of no planned meetings between Russian and Chechen offi-

cials in Moscow. If confirmed, the dispatch of the Chechen envoy would mark the first serious effort by Mr. Dudayev to forge a compromise with the federal government from which he unilaterally declared Chechenya independent in October 1991.

Various efforts by the Kremlin to bring the rebel republic to heel, notably an aborted troop deployment in 1992, an economic blockade and support for opposition groups, have so far failed.

The arrival of the special Chechen envoy in Moscow came a day after Mr. Dudayev declared martial law and extended a curfew throughout the republic amid heightened tension between his supporters and opponents.

Aslan Maskhadov, the Chechen chief of staff, told Interfax that the martial law measures included reinforced protection of vital enterprises as well as limiting circulation of road vehicles in the repub-

Gen. Maskhadov said Chechen army "reservists"

had been ordered to report to barracks under a standing general mobilisation order approved by Mr. Dudayev last month but admitted that so far few had done so.

Local journalists in the Chechen capital, Grozny, and ITAR-TASS news agency reported separately that most residents of the republic - including the majority of cabinet ministers — were not aware of the martial law order.

TASS attributed this to the poor circulation of newspapers and difficulties with television broadcasting following a blast at the main television transmitter Thursday that damaged the facility.

Meanwhile Ruslan Khasbulatov, the former Russian parliament speaker and a native Chechen who now leads a key opposition group, said he and the leadership of a Moscow-backed opposition "Provisional Council" planned to join forces.

Speaking on his own television channel set up at his headquarters in the town of Tolstoy-Yurt just north of Grozny, Mr. Khasbulatov appealed to the population to side with Mr. Dudayev's

opponents. He and Umar Avturkhanov, leader of the Provisional Council, said in a joint statement they had reached "points of understanding" and announced that henceforth they would coordinate their actions. ITAR-TASS

said. "The day is not far off when the Chechen people will triumph and will be able to choose their own leaders." the report quoted Mr. Avtur-

khanov as saying. Mr. Khasbulatov described the armed groups loyal to the Provisional Council as "government troops" and said they had the right to use methods of force to remove

Mr. Dudayev from power. The Chechen government Friday denied that it had instituted martial law over the embattled breakaway republic and that it had sent an envoy to Moscow for political discussions with Russia.

"There is no martial law." a spokesman for Mr. Dudayev said. "There is a project for the establishment of martial law that was being studied Thursday by the government. But for the moment

it is only a project."

Power-sharing deal may conclude Angola peace talks

LUSAKA (R) - Angola's government, mired in civil war, may offer UNITA rebel leader Jonas Savimbi the post of deputy president in a power-sharing deal which could be signed this month. diplomats said Friday.

"The Angolan government has already started to draft legislation for the creation of two vice presidential posts. One of these will go to Jonas Savimbi and the other to the (ruling) MPLA," a diplomat monitoring peace talks in Lusaka told Reuters.

Savimbi's status had been one of the major issues delaying the end of the Angolan conflict. "One cannot separate Savimbi from UNITA. The

two have to be treated as one

and any concessions have to

Another diplomat said Mr.

accommodate specifically the UNITA leader," he said. Neither the Angolan government delegation nor the UNITA team attending the Lusaka peace talks would comment on the matter.

Airica s longest-running civil war has been raging since Angola gained independence from Portugal in

A 1991 peace agreement between UNITA (National Union for the Total Independence of Angola) and the MPLA (Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola) broke down after UNITA rejected its defeat in U.N.-

supervised elections in 1992. The ruling party won the parliamentary vote in the October 1992 election, but narrowly missed the overall majority needed in the presidential poll, necessitating a run-off election between President Jose Eduardo Dos Santos for the MPLA and Mr. Savimbi.

Under the proposed peace package Mr. Dos Santos would remain president.

Western diplomats said it had been necessary to create the two posts of deputy president to allow the Luanda government the flexibility of accommodating Mr. Savimbi. "Such an arrangement wili

be easier for President Dos Santos to sell because he also needs the backing of his people at home," one diplomat said.

Another diplomat said UNITA would first have to take up its 70 National Assembly posts it obtained in the disputed election, as agreed in the Lusaka peace talks, to change legislation to allow creation of the two posts of deputy president.

Diplomats said an agreement to end the Angolan war was likely to be signed this month. One said the talks were

"tying up loose ends."
U.N. special envoy James Jonah expressed optimism Thursday, saying there had been substantial progress in the talks which started in the Zambian capital last Novem-

The U.N. Security Council said last week it would not impose further sanctions on UNITA after a breakthrough in the talks when UNITA dropped demands for the governorship of Huambo province and accepted a U.N. package on posts it had been offered in a power-

sharing agreement. The U.N. has been mandated to supervised and verify all military activities linked to a military agreement which includes the demobilisation of UNITA forces, formation of a new national army and police force, and the holding of a second round of presidential elections.

Fighting continues despite reported progress at the

negotiating table.
UNITA said Wednesday that hundreds of people were killed when government planes bombed two villages in the central highlands Tuesday, destroying them com-

pictely. A government journalist evacuated from the besieged town of Cuito last week said the inhabitants had been eating dogs and tree bark. He said at least 30 civilians wer: dying daily from starvation and disease.

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Not so convincing

U.S. PRESIDENT Bill Clinton's speech to he American people Thursday may have won him his people's support for the immiment U.S.-led invasion of Haiti but left him still with some obstacles to clear on the U.S. Congress front. Legislatures in Washington continue to call on the chief executive to seek congressional approval for his decision to go alread with military intervention in the Calibbean country. There are still many scepairs in Washington about the rationale behind a verdict in favour of an armed intervention to remove General Raoul Cedres's government and reinstall ousted President Jern-Bertrand Aristide, whom the military overthrew in a bloody coup in September of 1991.
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and sureightforward: End tyrenny and gross human rights violations in Port-Au-Prince and restore democracy and respect of basic human rights. The one particular shortcoming of this noble objective lies in the fact that there are many other countries where democracy does not exist and the human rights situation is abysmal. There are countless states in the world, many important U.S. allies, where democracy is not heard of and oppression and violation of human rights is the norm rather than the exception. The targetting of Haiti for starting the campaign against undemocratic rule would be justified as long as this campaign is immediately pursued in other parts of the world. As long as Haiti is the beginning and not the end. then there could be greater appreciation of what the U.S. is trying to accomplish in the Caribbean.

On another front, while Washington's intention to use force in Haiti appears to command general Western support, it lacks parallel sympathy especially from Latin American and Third World countries. It would seem proper, therefore, to present the U.S. case to the U.N. General Assembly when it convenes later this month with a view to guaging the extent of international support, especially from the Latin American continent. We cannot call the impending in write of Hair a multinational effort in its sante national dimension as long as the majority of the naturn of nucleus is not part of the supreme lecision to take military action against an admittedly oppressive regime. There is every reason to involve the rest of mankind in this solemn and important step since it may be repeated elsewhere in other regions of the world.

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

A CCLUBERIST in Al Ra'i daily demanded that Central Bank governor Mohammad Saeed Nabulsi declare to the public all the facts about the flight of foreign currency from Jestian and the way in which the funds were smuggled out of the country. Taree Masarweb said that the Central Bank had announced the flight of \$300 million since the start of 1994 and that most of the amount has now returned to the country, but the public have the right to know how that was possible and have the right to put on trial those who abused their authority and allowed the funds to disappear. It is not enough for the public to hear Dr. Nabulsi announcing that the Ningdom has come out triumphant from this battle To said, was politically motivated, and he is required the mine and suffered the defeat, said the writer. This

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and the analysis are described as an honest man and would maintain his credibility by being with the public.

THE GOVERNMENT is to be held responsible for the sharp decline in the rate of share prices at the Amman Financial Market and the low rate of trading, said Mohammad Daoud, a columnist in Al Dustour. The retreat in the share prices has had its severe impact on the investment process and caused heavy losses to the share holders because the finance minister has failed to date to declare openly that no tax is being contemplated on profits the fell triading of shares, charged the writer. Rumours the new taxes will be leviled on profits made from the

to the state clinid in total tenfection, said the writer. The government ought to put an end to rumours and openly declare whether it is really contemplating imposing taxes on these profits made by individuals or companies so that the trading in shares can resume and the investors can return to the market and strengthen the economy, said the Jordanian Perspective

Towards clearing the clouds in Arab sky

THE SIGNS of thaw that have appeared in Jordan's relations with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait are welcome developments that should not have waited this long. Without going into the background for the strain in ties in the first place - it will not be in the interests of anyone to dig open old graves — we in Jordan are more than happy to see our relations with our Arab brethren in the Gulf improving. We would like to see those developments as the natural course of events in Arab history and a process of

normalising abnormal things.

Indeed, strain in inter-Arab ties is an abnormality. Historically, the Arab World has achieved more by standing united than by adopting individualistic positions, whether on the Maghreb side or on the Mashreq side or a combination of the two inseparable parts of the Arab

The cordiality that was shown to a Jordanian diplomatic representative while paying the first post-Gulf crisis visit to Kuwait and Saudi Arabia's acceptance of the nomination of a new Jordanian ambassador to Riyadh and agreement to appoint a new Saudi envoy to Amman are indeed the strongest yet signs of Kuwaiti and Saudi interest in responding positively to Jordan's quest to settle inter-Arab differences. For one thing, these moves open the door further for a serious dialogue on what has been plaguing our relations with a view to removing those nuances once

A lot of water has flown under the Arab bridge in the past four years during which Arab differences played a significant part in shaping the future of Arabs, particularly the Middle East peace process that was launched in Madrid a few months after the end of the Gulf war, one of the catastrophes that befell the Arab World. Needless to say, had the Arab World been united at the outset of the peace process, then probably we would have seen a better shape of the entire effort to end four decades of conflict and bloodshed in the region in a more fair and just manner that would have avoided the schism that is evident in some circles in the move towards peace with Israel.

Of course, the first element in that equation is that Israel would not have been in a position to influence or dominate the course of the peace process as it has managed to achieve on the Palestinian track of the peace negotiations had it not been for the problems that plagued inter-Arab relations and opened the door for Israel to exploit those weaknesses and seek to impose its will and dictate its terms to the Palestinians.

Within the Jordanian perception of today's situation, it is clear that the Washington Declaration had something to do with the improvement in ties with Saudi Arabia and Kuwait. For one thing, the declaration proved to the world Jordan's sincere quest and commitment to a peaceful and stable region that would protect everyone's interest and would serve the cause of an uplifting of the standard of living for everyone in an atmosphere of security and stability. Such an objective, lest anyone has forgotten, is not new. It has always been Jordan's endeavour to bring about an atmosphere conducive to serving the interests of

the Arabs in general while ensuring that Arab rights including those of Jordan - are not sacrificed in the international scene.

By Dr. Musa Keilani

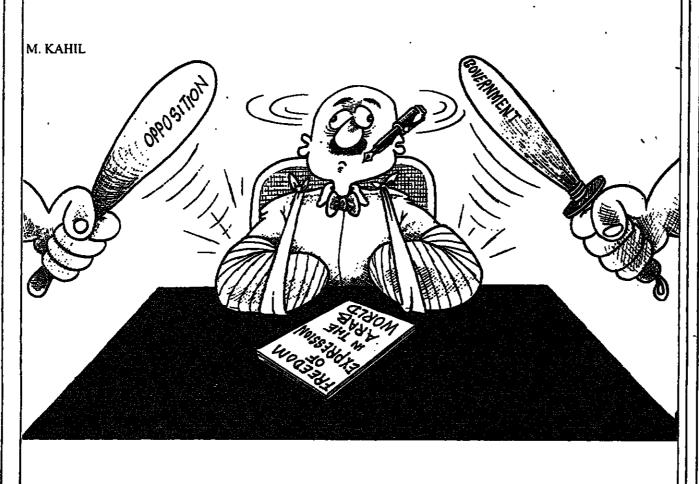
From that vantage point, we would like to believe that the positive responses our brothers in Saudi Arabia and Kuwait have shown to our sincere desire for a definite improvement in relations bode well for the restoration of

pan-Arab unity and commitment to common causes. Those in the Arab World as well as outside who still are sceptical over Jordan's approach will be well-advised to be reminded that Jordan has made it abundantly clear that its motivations to seek improved relations within the Arab World have more to do with a desire to have abnormalities corrected and things set on a definite course that would serve the Arab interests at large rather than achieve any short-term financial advantages. Jordan has clearly understood and appreciated the very concept of self-reliance and survived some of the worst crises that could befall any

country of its size and features.

Hopefully, the forthcoming visit of His Majesty King Hussein to post-crisis Republic of Yemen and the Sultanate of Oman would serve as another major landmark in restoring cordiality and warmth in inter-Arab relations. Beyond that is also the very strong possibility that the course of events in the Arab World would be further influenced by the shaping of a new world order and ensure that the Arabs would have a strong voice and say in determining the elements that should be the pillars for that

new world order.



THE WEEK IN PRINT

One year after Oslo, Palestinians have no hopes fullfiled

Reviewed by Elia Nasrallah

THE LOCAL Arabic daily newspapers last week gave prominence to the peace process, inter-Arab affairs and domestic issues. Commenting on the lapse

of one year since the signing of the Oslo deal between the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and Israel on Sept. 13, 1993, a columnist in Al Ra'i daily said that the agreement was now at crossroads because nothing has taken place to give real hope to the Palestinians that their lands will see the end of occupation. No elections took place, no infrastructure has been built and no real power has come to the Palestine National Authority (PNA), which is laden with additional burdens as a result of the Oslo deal one year on, said Sultan Al Hattab.

One year after the signing of the Oslo agreement, the Palestine National Authority and the PLO leadendip is unable to control matters in the self-rule areas and unable to carry out the projects they promised the masses, said Samir Nayfeh in Al Dustour. The writer blamed Israel for laying obstacles in the path of the PLO leadership and the Western donors who failed to provide the Palestine National Authority with the promised means to

Judging from the way the peace process has been going on and the attitudes of the Israeli government, one can say that the coming settlement would not be a real peace acceptable to future generations, said Taher Al Adwan, a columnist in Al Dustour. The writer said that the coming settlement would not ensure the restoration of all the rights of the Arab people, especially in Jerusalem simply because the Arabs are weak and Israel is strong, possessing 200 nuclear heads and holding the water resources and a strong military power. The coming settlement would not be just and durable, said the writer because the Arabs would not

regain their lawful rights. Mahmoud Rimawi, a columnist in Al Ra'i, said the Oslo deal has failed to meet the minimum requirements of the aspired peace.

So far, there have been no indications from the Rabin government that Israel would help the Palestinians take control of their own affairs. On the contrary, he said, what is happening is just the oppo-site. Neither did Israel redeploy its forces in the other parts of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip as a good gesture of its inten-tions to allow the Palestinians control their future destiny, added the writer. Therefore, he said the five years transitional period, provided for in the Oslo deal, could turn out to be an endless transitional period with no hope for the Palestinians to acquire in-

One year after Oslo, one finds smiles disappearing from the faces of the optimists, said Issa Shueibi, a columnist in Al Dustour. Those who rejected over the signing of the deal are now filled with bitterness as they watch injustice continuing and occupation per-

dependence.

petuated, said the writer. However, he said, the Palestine National Authority and the PLO leadership are in dire need of support from the Arab states and the Western donor nations so that they can hold the promised elections and establish the infrasturcture for a Palestinian state.

Reflecting on the Arab

League Council meeting in Cairo, Al Ra'i daily said that the Arab League proved to be still alive and kicking despite the failures of the past that caused its semi-demise. The paper said that the Arab ministers taking part in the meetings are discussing issues of paramount importance like the status of Jerusalem and support for the Palestinians. It is hoped, said the paper, that the ministers would reach decisions that would stimulate collective Arab action vis-a-vis the outstanding issues the safeguard the nation's interests.

Al Dustour daily countered this idea by saying that few Arab people are really interested in the Arab League and its meetings. Few Arabs believe that the Arab League can take important decisions, let alone implement them, as the Arab League Council has long been issuing statement's that were never implemental for the benefit of the street, said the daily a said that the secretariat should have a single item on the ministers agenda, calling for the Arabs to end their differences before embarking on any other dis-

Taber Al Adwan de-

scribed the release of the leaders of the Islamists in Algeria as an important step towards easing the situation in the country. The release is a brave step which aimed at stimulating the dialogue between the various politial powers, said the writer. He said that the decision taken by the Islamists leadership and the Algerian government to open the dialogue could face some resistance on the part of the extremists but the two sides ought to give this step a chance which could lead to an end of violence in the near future. Ahmad Dabbas, a col-

umnist in Sawt Al Shaab, tackled the mass food poisoning that occurred last week in Salt and accused the food industries in Jordan of lacking the very basic elements of hygiene and health requirements that can ensure safe food. The writer said that the health authorities are also to blame for failing to carry out inspection visits to restaurants, allowing bad food to be served to the customers. The health authorities normally suffice themselves with announcing the seizure of contaminated food and destroying it but no deterrent action is normally taken against the violators, the writer added.

Referring to festive firing causing the death of innocent people, Ahmad Misdeh: a columnist in Al Ra'i, assailed those "who have no regard to other people's feelings and lives."

Festive firing is a crime which should be fought by the nation at large, he de-

Reconciliation: Mandela finds a sound model in Chile

By Charles Krauthammer

WASHINGTON — On the hundredth day of his presidency, Nelson Mandela announced that he would send Parliament legislation establishing a Truth and Reconciliation Commission to deal with human rights abuses of the apartneid era.

Mr. Mandela is confronted with the human rights conundrum of the 90s: How the newly liberated deal with the crimes of the past.

It is the issue of our time because, from Eastern Europe to Latin America to Southern Africa, never has so many peoples emerged so suddenly from tyranny. Now they come face to face with the same dilemma: What to do with the past?

One can talk about war crimes trials, as do many human rights preeners in the context of Serbia or Haiti. But such talk is mostly bluff. (At best, they'll catch a few small fish). Mr. Mandela is no bluffer. of crimes and tribunals but of truth and reconciliation borrowing preicisely the approach taken by the most successful new democracy of the decade, Chile.

In 1990, Chile's democratic government took over from a military dictatorship that had come to power in a violent 1973 coup. Several years of murderous repression had followed that putsch. The military finally handed over power to a democratically elected goverament. But it had long before decreed itself an amnesty. What were the democrats to do?

They could not sweep crimes of this magnitude under the rug. Yet they could not seek criminal convictions because abrogating the amnesty would have sparked civil unrest and invited another coup and more suffering. So they decided, with a principle wisdom admired and emulated all the way to Pretoria, that between absolution and justice lies truth.

They decided to pursue, above all, a full and unimpeachable accounting of the past. Hence, by presidential appointment, the National Commission on Truth and Reconciliation.

The logic of this approach is powerfully elucidated by a commission member, Jose Zalaquett, in his introduction to the English edition of the commission's report (University of Notre Dame Press, 1993). The dilemma, explains Mr. Zalaquett, is simple. When you defeat human rights violators in war and pulverise them into unconditional surrender. there is no predicament. You de-Nazify. You hold war crimes trials. You do what you will within the norms of international law.

But what happens when the surrender is only partial? What happens when the losing side gets to participate in the transition to democracy and is still a force in the new society? In Chile, the old dictatorship gave way, but it still controls the army. In South Africa, the white minority is one-eight of the population, part of the government, economically dominant and needed for the rebuilding of the country. Pursuing full justice in these conditions is impossible without risking chaos and bloodshed. So, instead, one seeks the possible and the

honourable: truth. The Chilean commission investigated in excruciating detail every single "dis-appearance," every murder, every assassination (including those by anti-government guerrilla). It ranged up and down the country taking testimony from thousands of witnesses. The result is a methodical catalogue of horrors.

The commission was not a tribunal, however. It named the victims but not the perpetrators. It did not presume to attribute guilt to individuals.

Why? Because "to name culprits who had not defended themselves and were not obliged to do so would have been the moral equivalent of convicting someone without due process," says Mr. Zalaquett. This would have been in contradiction with the spirit, if not the letter, of the rule of law and human rights principles."

The release of the truth commission's findings - by President Patricio Aylwin in a televised address had an electric effect on Chile. To the victims, particularly the "disappeared," it gave identity, a resurrection in dignity in the national consciousness. To the victims' families it gave the balm of knowledge and the repose that comes from a

final accounting. Perhaps most important, it gave the country a catharsis. Its findings were accepted by all parties of all political stripes. Its thousand pages were signed by all eight politically disparate members of the commission without a note of dissent. It leaves no quarter for revisionists. It established a benchmark of consensually acknowledged truth that is a legacy for the

Not a complete victory for justice - in such circumstances there could be no such a victory - but triumph enough. And executed with such judiciousness and scruple that the new South Africa has chosen the Chileans' model to deal with the crimes of apartheid.

A wise choice. Mr. Mandela has taken as his model people who take the principles of human rights so seriously that they apply them even to themselves people who know the dangers of fanaticism; who have made their first duty after liberation not vengeance and retribution but truth and social peace.

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British book prize mired in controversy

By Paul Majendie Reuter

LONDON -- Judge in literary bust-up, famous author nubbed, obscure novelist hailed — there is nothing like a good row to boost Britain's top literary prize and this year is no excep-

First, one of the judges wading through 130 en-trants for the Booker Prize omitted to tell his fellow adjudicators that his wife was one of the contestants.

The chairman of the panel soon declared that most modern novels weren't funny or entertaining enough, prompting a prehim an out-of-touch "old

fogey."

Then came the publicists' dream - a woman turned down by every publisher in Britain made the shortlist with a fable about religious intolerance that she published herself.

The bookmakers gave the pot another stir by making a novel about unrequited homosexual love the 6-4 favourite to win the 20,000 pound Booker Prize on Oct. 11.

In a quarter of a century, he prize has boasted some distinguished winners in Salman Rushdie, Kingsley Amis and Iris Murdoch. But leading literary lights like Graham Greene and Doris Lessing have been

Pens are dipped in vitriol every year when the judges come up with a shortlist of six from what are regarded as the year's best novels by writers from 50 Commonwealth countries and Ire-

Critics complain the prize is consistently being given to second-rate novels by obscure writers.

Dublin teacher Roddy Doyle certainly proved the doubters wrong last year. His "Paddy Clarke Ha Ha Ha" won both literary and popular acclaim, topping the best-seller list for months and selling more than 300,000 copies.

Watching the bitchy rows in the literary establishment, leading commentator A.N. Wilson thinks it is all great fun.

"It's choatic, it's idiotic but I still say hooray for the Booker Prize," he said of the 1994 controversy-

strewn choices. Former judge Mark Lawson agreed, writing in the Independent: "never mind

the plot, enjoy the argu-

Mocking the selection process, he said every year could be relied on to produce the relevant headlines judges squabble, inclusion dispute, exclusion fu-

rore, category spat.

This year, judge and literary critic James Wood was accused of failing to make clear that his wife, Claire Messud was in the running for the prize.

Professor John Bayley, the 69-year-old panel chairman, confessed to being bored by many of the entries: "New fiction is at best ambitious and at worst pre-

But Jill Paton Walsh made the biggest headlines when she revealed she had published "Knowledge of Angels" herself — and made the shortlist.

She was jubilant: "I shall be able to write what the hell I like for my next book and it feels wonderful."

Writer and broadcaster Julia Neuberger, one of the judges who put her on the shortlist, agreed: "This is not a good reflection on the publishers in this country.

Alan Hollinghurst, whose explicit gay novel "The Swimming Pool Libwon many literary plaudits, was made favourite for the prize for his "The Folding Star" about an English teacher's infatuation for one of his

Scottish and Commonwealth writers offer tough competition.

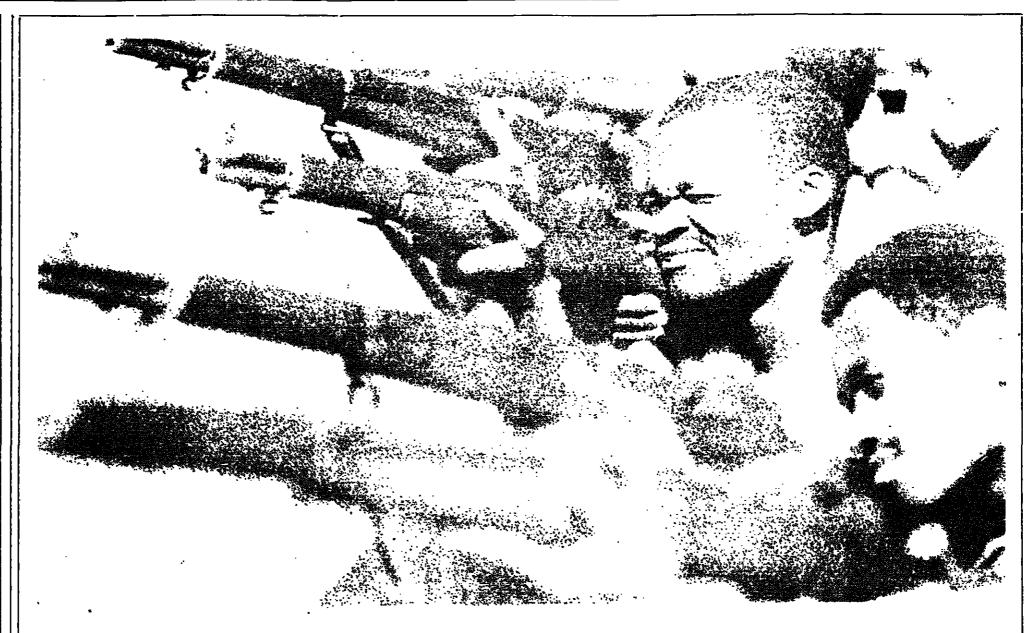
In the year when two of the judges are Scots, two Scottish writers — James Kelman and George MacKay Brown — make the

Sri Lankan-born Romesh Gunesekera secured a place on it with his first novel 'Reef," about an 11-yearold boy working as a house-Tanzanian-born Abdul-

razak Gurnah completes the field with "Paradise," the story of an African boy's coming of age.

The shortlist prompted A.N. Wilson to recall the old joke: "The only way to get on the Booker short-list is to be a Maori or an Indian.

France has its prix gon-court which definitively proclaims the best book of the year for French readers. Wilson prefers all the brouhaha of the Booker: "It has become a much more chaotic, much jollier institution than that.



Haitian recruits learn to shoot with M1 rifles 14 Sept. at the Champ Mars central square in Port Au Prince. Officials said preparations for a U.S.-led invasion of up to 20,000 troops would be complete within a week (AFP photo)

Haiti: A nation besieged, though no troops have landed

By Lisa M. Hamm The Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti No troops have landed, but many feel the threatened U.S.-led invasion of Haiti has already

begun. Held hostage by the standoff between the international community and the intransigent military that overthrew President Jean-Bertrand Aristide three years ago, this impoverished Caribbean country has lost control of its des-

"The intervention has already taken place. They just haven't begun to shoot at people yet." Port-Au-Prince Mayor Evans Paul

told the Associated Press. 'Our city is besieged. and the besieger has

allowed our leaders no way

out," said Carl Denis, a

By Anthony Boadle Reuter

an independent nation.

Trudeau.

ward.

fraction more than the liberals' 44.3 per cent, Mr.

Parizeau will have to stir up

separatist sentiment in Quebec to win a majority of

the vote in the referendum.

Parizeau is a machiavellian

strategist who will do his best to provoke a strong

backlash against Quebec in

Some Canadians fear Mr.

senior aide to the de facto government installed by the army in May. "We have no option but resistance."

National sovereignty, which the ruling army claims to be defending in its standoff with the United States, has been reduced tonothing since the coup because the international community has largely con-

trolled Haiti, Mr. Paul said. The country has become economically and politically isolated.

A series of trade embargoes aimed at pressuring the army to leave have brought the economy to its knees, devastating what already is the poorest country in the Western hemis-

phere. Those who depend on monetary gifts from relatives in the United States are limited to \$50 a month, More affluent Haitians with U.S. bank accounts can't get at their money, which was frozen in May.

Psychological warfare has been jacked up a few notches in recent weeks as Washington has intensified warnings to the military to get out and has allowed several watships to move ominously close to Haitian

territory. The White House said that military action could come "very soon."

In the northern port of Cap-Haitien last month, a warship drew a crewd of anti-invasion protestors to the pier. Warships were sighted along the coast north of Port-Au-Prince. On Sunday, a warship and two patrol boats moved within two miles of shore. U.S. flags waving as several helicopters zipped around. An unidentified airplane flew over Port-Au-Prince on Monday night. This was a very strong

sign to the civilian and the military authorities of our determination to see this resolved as quickly as possible," U.S. embassy spokesman Stanley Schrager said.The strong probability (of an invasion) increases with each day the military remains in power."

Mr. Schrager said U.S. planes soon would drop creole-language leaflets on Port-Au-Prince, a new chapter of psychological warfare aimed at enlisting the support of the Haitian people.

In a news briefing Tuesday. Mr. Schrager recommended that journalists who plan to cover the intervention arrive as soon as possible since it is unknown what the Haitian government's reaction will be as time wears on.

At this point, even if the military high command wanted to leave, they would have no way out and nowhere to go, Mr. Denis

Haiti is surrounded by 15 U.S. warships, and Pentagon officials re sending in two aircraft carriers to join Along the 390-kilometres

land border with the Dominican Republic, 2,000 Dominican soldiers are enforcing the U.N. trade sanctions. Argentina, Canada and the United States have sent the first 50 observers for a multinational group that eventually will include 88 monitors and 50 U.S.

An editorial in The Nation, a Haitian ultranationalist biweekly, accused President Clinton of creating a "Warsaw ghetto" in Haiti. Gerard Bissainthe, a hardline former minister of information. was referring to the walled-in community where Polish Jews were forced to live before they were sent to concentration camps during World War

Mr. Aristide "is the only example in history of a chief of state who has asked foreigners to crush his people in order to put the country under control," Mr. Bissainthe said.

Mr. Aristide, speaking from exile in Washington, on Voice of America's Creole-language service Monday, told the Haitian people: "I gave the green light for this operation" by endorsing the July U.N. resolution that approved a U.S.-led force in Haiti.

"When I return, the guns of those who shoot at the people will be silent," Mr. Aristide said.

Political veteran tipped to head NATO

BRUSSELS - Belgian. Foreign Minister Willy Claes, tipped to be next secretary-general of NATO, is a political veter-an whose diplomatic and persuasive gifts have won him respect both locally and internationally.

Both skills would stand him in good stead to steer the alliance as it continues adjusting to life after the A musician who enjoys

conducting in his spare time, Claes, has orchestrated Belgium's foreign policy since March 1992. But he came to promininternationally last during Belgium's much-praised six-month

sfint as president of the European Union (EU). It was Mr. Claes, a Flemish socialist, who chaired foreign ministers meetings during the presidency and who, with Prime Minister Jean-Luc Dehaene, oversaw the coming into effect of the EU's Maastrict treaty on political and economic

As foreign minister, Mr. ts and especially the 超U's - inaction over the war in former Yugoslavia. He also has faced many tricky diplomatic prob-lems, especially in the for-

mer Belgian protectorates

of Rwanda and Burundi

and in the ex-Belgian colony of Zaire.

A native Dutch-speaker who also speaks fluent French and English, Mr. Claes has a moderate style that has won him trust and respect on both sides of Belgium's language divide.

Often tipped as a potential prime minister because of his diplomatic skills and moderate opinions, Mr. Claes was minister for economic affairs in the last centre-left coalition government and has been deputy prime minister five times.

He has mastered the skills of compromise needed to survive in the complex and fragmented system that has produced 35 governments in Belgium since World War II.

His first cabinet post was as education minister in 1972. He held the economic affairs portfolio several times, with only mixed success in the latter role.

Mr. Claes emerged unscathed from a series of financial scandals to emerge this year which led to the resignation of three top Francophone politicians.

He was economic affairs minister in 1988 when Belgium bought 46 army heli-copters from the Italian firm Agusta, a sale which led to a corruption scandal. He consistently denied allegations he was aware of bribery linked to the deal.



Quebec separatists win, but independence elusive

Daniel Johnson (R), the former Premier of Quebec. and his wife Suzanne Marcil (R) leave their polling station in Montreal Sept. 12 after voting in Quebec's elections. Johnson's Liberal Party lost its legislative

majority to Jacques Parizeau's Parti Quebecois, which favours independence from Canada (AFP photo)

the rest of Canada to fuel his cause.

'The PQ victory will mean turbulence and acrimony and a very difficult 10 months leading to another

referendum," said Montreal novelist Mordecai Richler, "The PQ will try to create animosity with the rest of Canada," he said. "There is bound to be

rising tensions between Quebec and the federal and other provincial governments," said Mr. Lalonde. "We will have an uneasy year of politics.

The separatists lost a referendum on the same issue in 1980 when they were last in power under Parti Quebecois founder Rene Levesque.

On the surface, they appear to have a better chance now.

Canadians no longer have a charismatic leader in Ottawa of the stature of Pierre Trudeau, a forceful personality who took on Mr. Levesque in the last referendum debate. Prime Minister Jean

Chretien, who will have to take up the challenge of defending Canadian unity. is reviled in Quebec for his strong support of feder-

Federal ranks are further weakened by the presence of separatists in federal parliament in Ottawa.

The Bloc Quebecois, the federal counterpart of the Parti Quebecois, swept up most Quebec seats in last year's national election to become Canada's official opposition party and will work for independence from within the Canadian parliament.

But opinion polls show that support for separatism has actually declined while the Parti Quebecois's popularity rose, an indication that Quebeckers wanted to change government rather than have their province leave Canada.

'Quebec voters have rationalised that there is no danger of separation and they understandably wanted a change after nine years." said Mr. Lalonde. He believes Canadians should just sit tight during the bumpy months ahead and not make matters

The strategy for the rest of Canada must to be keep cool and not fall in bear

traps," he said.

Lebanese premier lashes out at critics

BEIRUT (R) — Prime olinister Rafik Al Hariri lashed out at critics accusing him of leading Lebanon towards social and economic crisis and said the country was moving "month by month" towards a solid economic future.

Responding to a barrage of criticism from rightwing Christian leaders, leftwing newspapers, moderate Sunni Muslims politicians and fun-damentalist Shiite Muslims. Mr. Hariri accused them of manipulating statistics to distort the reality of progress in postwar reconstruction.

You can see all the

achievements that have been accomplished since the end of the (1975-90 civil) war," he said in a speech.

"Proposals putting Leba-non's economic stability in doubt are unfounded," said the billionaire former

"Our economic future is

very solid and contrary to campaigns abroad and at home Lebanon is progressing month by month in the direction of economic and social balance." he added. Only some of the reconstruction projects Mr. Hariri launched since he took two

years ago have got underway, but the government has won plaudits for strengthening the Lebanese currency, attract-ing expatriate capital back to the country and clamping

down on inflation. But life remains hard for most Lebanese, impover-

ished by 15 years of war, and few benefits from Mr. Harir-i's economic stabilisation have yet filtered down to improve their living stan-

Archbishop Nasrallah Sfeir, patriarch and spiritual leader of Lebanon's Maronite Christians, said Tuesday: The cloud of hunger bovers over Lebanon.'

"Patience has its limits," he told visitors, saying the government should act quickly to improve the economy and living conditions for the Lebanese.

At the other end of the political spectrum the pro-Iranian Hizbollah (Party of God), a radical Shiite Muslim group with eight members of

parliament, said Lebanon was heading for violence.

"There will be a social ex-plosion," Hizbollah's deputy eader Sheikh Naim Kassem told a rally in Beirut Tuesday. He said the economic situation was "getting worse and living conditions are de-

The leftwing Beirut daily As Safir said the government was ignoring realities and following an "ostrich policy."
Sunni Muslim politician

Selim Al Hoss, a former prime minister and a political moderate, said Tuesday the government was courting disaster by failing to keep Mr. Hariri's early promises of rapid reconstruction and re-

CFA states accept need for IMF rigour

BRAZZAVILLE (AFP) — The 14 CFA franc-zone countries, which devalued by 50 per cent on Jan. 12, must meet IMF terms for structural adjustments, Congolese Finance Nguila Mougounga

Kombo said here. The view that CFA-franc countries had no choice but to respect agreements with the IMF was expressed in public or in private by several of those attending a meeting

of finance ministers from the zone here Thursday. But during the meeting, which was held behind closed doors, several ministers condemned what they termed the "rigidity of conditions imposed by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in view of the social effects,"

one of the participants, who declined to be named, told

Mr. Kombo late Thursday told a press conference: We are convinced of the need to meet our commitments to the IMF and World Bank because we have no choice but to readjust our-

He said that the members of the West African franc zone, had "undertaken to respect structural adjustment programmes.

Mali's Finance Minister Soumaila Cisse said that CFA-franc countries had to "develop national production to create the resources required for redistribution and to set the economy towards

recovery."

At the same time "we must restructure our economies. we must add value to our own products in order to reduce our dependency on the out-side world."

The final statement referred to the perceived inflex-ibility of IMF conditions by urging the international com-munity to "take account of efforts to set economies on a sound footing taken by countries in the franc zone and to improve the handling of

The meeting was intended to harmonise national positions before the annual meetings of the IMF and World Bank in Madrid at the beginning of October.

Congolese Economy Minister Clement Mouamba said that the meeting had served mainly as a reminder of cooperation between

members and the IMF. He said: "Even if we harmonise our positions, each country deals with the

fund bilaterally." Since the devaluation of the CFA franc against the French franc, to which it is pegged, six countries in the zone which had not fulfilled commitments to the IMF have been placed under observation for six months by the fund which has ceased

making payments to them.

100 CFA francs are worth one French franc, or about 530 to the dollar.

Dollar continues to be weak, particularly against the Japanese yen

The following report, covering the period from Thursday, Sept. 8-1994 until Wednesday, Sept. 14-1994, is provided by Naser Nabulsi, private client group at Merrill Lynch - Dubai.

Overview

Fundamental View: Despite a move towards tighter monetary policy by the Fed, the U.S. dollar continues to be weak, particularly against the Japanese ven. In our view, the weakness reflects the collision of large external borrowing requirements by the U.S. coinciding with weak demand for dollar assets by foreign private-sector investors. U.S. trade and current account deficits are expected to remain large this year and next, while U.S. residents seem unlikely to retreat from their new-found enthusiasm for foreign investment, suggesting increasing debits on the capital account as well. 3-. But without sharply higher U.S. interest rates, which the administration presumably wishes to avoid, it may be and difficult to attract enough foreign capital to prevent the dollar from weakening further. We continue to expect the dollar to reach DM/USD 1.50 and JPY/USD 95 over the next six-to-12 months.

Technical View: The U.S. dollar was generally weak last week as it managed to gain ground against only the Canadian dollar and the Japanese yen. Momentum for the dollar index is generally constructive and has the potential to remain so for much of the rest of the year. Medium term sentiment is also generally constructive.

 $\frac{d}{dt}$. All of this suggests that the trading range of recent weeks is actually a base in preparation for an upcoming rally. Even if that range is penetrated to the downside, such weakness would not likely be technically confirmed. Nearby resistance exists at 90.50 and 91.75 Benchmark support exists at 86.65 4. . - 87.40.

Japanese Yen

Fundamental View: The dollar traded during the week in the JPY/USD 98-99 range. Focus shifted briefly during the week from U.S.-Japan trade talks to concerns about U.S. inflation following producer and consumer inflation reports. The inflation message from the two reports was mixed and did the dollar no major harm against the yen. The dollar nowever continues to show general weakness against the yen. With the U.S. threatening trade sanctions on Japan if progress is not made before a Sept. 30 deadline, the dollar remains vulnerable to capital flight by international investors concerned about a potential trade war.

However, resolution of the trade conflict with Japan should provide no lasting relief to the dollar because large imbalances between trade and capital flows are unlikely to be resolved by trade negotiators. Japan's current account surplus is expected to remain close to \$130 billion this year, which is far greater than the apparent demand by Japanese investors for foreign securities. In the first seven months of this year. Japan's net long-term capital outflow has been a meager \$8 billion, even with a substantial pickup in outflows in recent months.

Despite yen strength, our Tokyo economics unit has recently revised up its forecast for Japanese growth and believes that monetary easing is over. In our view, persistent dollar weakness will be required to keep U.S. assets cheap in yen terms and thereby keep capital flowing from Japan. We maintain our forecast for the yen tor each JPY/USD 96 in 12-months time, with the risk being towards more pronounced dollar weakness.

Technical View: The Japanese yen fell less than 0.1 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended Sept. 9. Sentiment is still viewed as neutral. Momentum is deteriorating and can be described as weak. However, the underlying uptrend is still intent and it will require a minimum decline in the yen back through the 101 Y/U.S.\$ area to crack the trend and confirm the action of momentum. Beyond that, major support exists at 106-112. Benchmark resistance exists at 97.20, then below 93.

Deutschemark

Fundamental View: The dollar had a mixed week against the DM, trading in the DM 1.53-1.54 range. The dollar initially took a tumble against the DM as a 0.6 per cent rise in producer inflation renewed market fears about U.S. inflation. However, a fairly benign consumer inflation report gave the dollar a small boost. The DM was generally weak in Europe following apprehensions in the market about whether Chancellor Kohl's party would win a majority in the

In general, dollar weakness against the DM is expected to continue in the coming quarters with real interest rate differentials beginning to move in favour of the DM. Further, the growth differential that was in favour of the U.S. is beginning to narrow. These point to increasing DM strength in the long-run. We look for the dollar to trade at the DM/U.S.D 1.50 level in 12 months.

Technical View: The Deutschemark rallied 1.1 per cent against the U.S. dollar last week, and closed at its highs of the week. Medium term sentiment has been improving and is now characterised as near overbought. Momentum is deteriorating, suggesting that the underlying uptrend that has been in force since February is close to a top.

In that regard, a decline back below 1.59-1.61 DM/U.S.\$ would be required to reverse that trend and confirm the action of momentum. Strong resistance remain at 1.48-1.52. Against the ven, the D-mark remains near the top end of its multi-month trading range. This resistance (at 64.50-66.50), together with deteriorating momentum, suggests that lower prices are likely in coming weeks. The trading range

generates support at 59-60.

Pound sterling

Fundamental View: The British pound gained against the U.S. dollar and the DM following the decition by the Bank of England to raise the minimum lending rate by 50 basis points. The pound picked up 2 cents against the dollar to trade in the U.S.\$/GBP 1.56.57 range. The pound also gained over 2 pfennigs against the DM to go over DM 2.40 level. The rate hike, whose timing caught the market by surprise, was presumably meant to be a preemptive strike

Even though U.K. posted good inflation numbers for August, our estimates suggest that if the economy continues to grow between a 3.0 and 3.5 per cent annual rate, there would be no slack in the economy by the end of 1995 with the potential for inflation. This U.K. rate hike combined with a cut in the German discount rate expected after the October elections should move the U.K.-German interest rate differential in favour of the pound. With the DM expected to strengthen against the U.S., and the pound to strengthen against the DM, we expect the pound will appreciate to 1.60 U.S.S in six to twelve months time.

Technical View: The British pound advanced 0.3 per cent versus the U.S. dollar during the week ended Sept. 9. Sentiment is near overbought and the currency continues to fluctuate within its long term trading range. With medium term oscillators having peaked, any nearby currency rally is not likely to be sustainable. Resistance remains at \$1586 U.S.\$/L. First support exists near \$1.51; the lower end of the trading range at \$1.46 is second support. The DM cross remains in its multi-month downtrend. Momentum is bottoming, but is having difficulty actually reversing to the upside. Resistance remains at 2.43-2.45, with support at 2.37-2.38 and 2.32-2.33.

Swiss franc

Fundamental View: The Swiss franc continued to strengthen against both the U.S. dollar and the Deutschemark. Against

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the U.S.\$, the franc traded around SF/U.S.\$ 1.28, while it reached another high against the DM at SF/DM 0.8328. We continue to expect the franc to appreciate further against the dollar in the next six months of SF/U.S.\$ 1.26, but expect it to remain in the 1994 trading range of SF/DM 0.84 against the mark. The Swiss recovery appears to be accelerating, and we expect real GDP growth to be 1.5 per cent for 1994, and 2.4 per cent in 1995. Consumer price inflation, meanwhile, is expected to remain low. For August, consumer prices were up a scant 0.5 per cent from a year ago and are expected to be up_1.3 per cent for 1994.

The Swiss france should continue to benefit from this low inflation environment and the ongoing efforts to reduce the

Technical View: The Swiss franc gained 1.2 per cent versus the greenback during the week ended Sept. 9 and - for the second week in a row — was the strongest currency atnong the six we most regularly discuss. Sentiment is now considered near overbought. Momentum is deteriorating, but has not fully reversed, and the basic uptrend remains intact. Resistance remains at 1.23-1.26 SF/U.S.\$, with support at 1.355-1.390. The DM cross is at its lows for the year. Momentum remains generally under pressure. As long as that condition exists, any nearby rally should be monitored with suspicion. A break below .833 will allow for .827; resistance exists above .850.

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FORECAST FOR SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 17, 1994 By Thomas S. Pierson, Astrologer, Carroll Righter Foundation

GENERAL TENDENCIES: All sorts of arguments can take place today if you or others act in a disputative or picky manner. Consiously refrain from any sort of negative response to what anyone else does. Things get better in the later P.M.

ARIES: (March 21 to April 19) This is a good day to look into accounts and study bookkeeping and legal documents to see that all is in good order. Become more efficient.

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) Study your financial structure and know what progress you have made and how to gain your goals in the future. Show your ingenuity.

GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Study your image in the mirror and think about what can be done to improve yourself. Concentrate on your health first. Get together with friends.

MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to July 21) Get into the privacy of your home and handle some personal matters. Keep that appoint ment with the one you love tonight.

LEO: (July 22 to August 21) Analyse your finest personal ambitions, and discover how to gain them. Don't around the bush and state your aims and desires. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) You have many errands to do

so get busy early. Allow yourself ample time to get things done LIBRA: (September 23 to October 22) Concentrate on how to

expand in various spheres of your endeavours. Get out and make new friends of different background to your own.

SCORPIO: (October 23 to November 21) Plan how to take care of your accounts better in the future. Please your mate by going along with his or her ideas. Be happy together. SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Situations arise which you had not counted on, but handle them well. Be cooperative with a partner who wants more of your time.

CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) Look about for better methods to handle your regular tasks and this will be a productive day for you. Have family fun tonight.

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) This is a good day for handling all those small tasks about the house which make it more attractive. Entertain guests in the evening.

PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) A fine day for improving conditions at your home so that there is more harmony in the future. Understand the needs of your family.

Birthstone of September: Saphhire - Lapis Lazulli

Forte selected for Meridien

FORTE PLC has announced following an Air France board meeting, that its offer for Air France's majority holding in Societe des Hotels Meridien has been selected. Forte has valued 100 per cent of Societes des Hotels Meridien at £230 million (FF1.9

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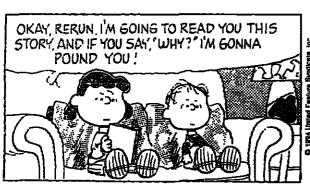
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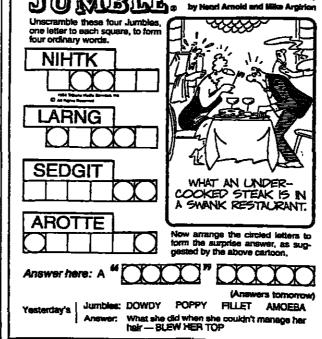








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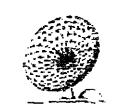
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Deutsche Mark	1.5417	1.5468
Swiss Franc	1.2812	1.2875
French Franc	5.2735	5.2902**
Japanese Yen	99.20	99.30
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Deutsche Mark	0.4502	0.4525	
Swiss Franc	0.5415	0.5443	
French Franc	0.1316	0.1323	
Japanese Yen*	0.7004	0.7039	
Dutch Guilder	0.4014	0.4034	
Swedish Krona	341473	****	
Italian Lira*	0.0443	0.0445	
Belgian Franc	*****	*****	
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Lehanese Lira®	0.040690	0.041035	
Saudi Riyal	0.1853	0.1862	
Kwwaid Dinar	2.3100	2.3450	
Qetari Riyal	0.1900	0.1912	
Egyptian Pound	0.2000	0.2150	
Oznani Riyal	1.7880	1.8120	
UAE Dirham	0.1388	0.1895	
Greek Dractuma*	0.2800	0.3115	
Cypriot Pound	1.5990	1.5000	

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THE HOUSING BASE	29.156	2.870 4.960		4.900	
JORDAN KINGAT BARK		2.910			
JORDAN GULF BANK	63,645		1.690		
TORDAR INLANIC BANK	230,043				
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BUSINESS BANK	62,820				
JORDAN INVESTMENT & PIRANCE BANK	2.309				
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JERUSALEM IMPURANCE		4.520			
JORDAN PRENCE INSURANCE		2.620		2.560	
ARAB LIPE & ACCIDENT INSURANCE		2.700		2,600	
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JORDANIAN ELECTRIC POWER	103,844	1.680		1,650	
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ARAB INTERNATIONAL NOTELS	60,795				
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JORDAN TORACCO & CIGARETTES		20.500			
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JORDAN PROSPRATE MINES	6,645	2.8ng	2.730	2-666	
JORDAN PETROLEUM REFLHART		9.490	9.450	9.400	
JORDAN TAKWING		7.500			
THE INDUSTRIAL CONNERCIAL & AGRICULTURAL		5.400			
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RAFIA INDUSTRIES		2.690	2,700	2,440	
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ARAB DIVESTMENT & INCHMATIONAL TRADE	28,618			1.080	
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ARAB PAPER CONVERTING & TRADING	16,418	1.300	1.300	1.290	
MAILORAL STEEL INDUSTRY	35,622			3.900	
INTERMEDIATE PETRO-CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES		2.600		2.610	
JORDAN ROCKHOOL INDUSTRIES	51,486	1.730		1.660	
ALADDIN INDUSTRIES	14,733	4.880	4.640	4.550	
JORDAN INDUSTRIES & MATCH/JINCO	24,989	0.860			
MATTOMAL CABLE & WIRE MANUFACTURING	13,970			5.980	
JORDAN SULPHO-CERNICALS	1,225			2.450	
ARAB CONTER FOR PERSON, & CREMICALS	19,120	2.900	2.850		
RANTHER INVESTMENT	35,397	2.160	2.150	2.070	
OFFICENCIAL HODGES INDUSTRIES JORDAN INDUSTRIAL RESOURCES CO.	84,107	4.300	4.260	4.150	
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GRAND TOTAL	4.403.507				

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CENTRAL CENERAL TRADUNG & STORAGE	59,198	0.290	6.880	0.870		
JORDAN TRADE FACILITIES .	61,428					
MIDDLE BAST FOR DEVL.4 TRADE CO.	260					
LAREA PRIVATE UNIVERSITY	8,758	1.790	1.910	1.750		
ARAB FOOD & MEDICAL APPLIANCES		1.100		1.100		
MACTORAL CHLORISE INDUSTRIES CO.LID	27,097	2.230	2.230	2.080		
MATIGMAL TEXTILE & PLASTICS UND. CO	9,911	1.520	1.520	1.380		
SCROAM KEN CARLE CONTAIN	68,693	2.230	2.230	2.140		
MATIONAL MULTIPLE INDUSTRIES	175,867	1.580	1.580	1.420		
EL-ZAT READ: WEAR MANUFACTURING CO.	113,869	2.550	2.530	2.390		
INTERATIONAL TODACCO & CIGARETTES	130,552		1.900	1.740		
UNIVERSAL METAL IND.	15,482	2,180	2.290	2.120		
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Prices tumble, turnover shrinks as nerves remain jittery at AFM

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Ammar Financial Market (AFM) continued to take a strong beating last week despite indications that a move to tax capital gains in the bourse was likely to be put on hold.

The general share price index had dipped to 142.4 points when trading closed for the week on Wednesday compared with the week's opening of 145.4 points. The three-point drop reflected a 2.1 per cent decline in stock prices of 60 major companies

listed in the market. But brokers, noting that the drop also affected nonlisted companies, said the actual decline was slightly higher.

Similarly turnover during the week dropped 31.1 per cent to 5.1 million dinars from the previous week's 7.4 million as many investors refrained from trading, awaiting definite signs of the fate of a reported government move to remove income tax exemptions granted to capital gains in the stock market.

"The damage has been already done," said a broker. "Investors have been scared off. Many of them have been trying to shed stocks at re-duced profit margins, sometimes even at slight losses, so as not to reflect capital gains by the end of the year."

Of the stocks of 75 companies traded during the week, only five showed gains as business closed at the AFM. Sixty-three companies showed drops and seven remained stable during the week, the weekly AFM report showed.

Two million shares changed hands during the week under 4,104 contracts.

Prominent among the five that showed gains were real estate companies, reflecting investors' belief that possible taxes on capital gains could be balanced through higher stock prices of companies dealing in land and buildings - acquisitions that are not likely to lose in value, accord-

ing to brokers. Activities at the AFM had picked up in August after more than four months of stagnation. Prices and turnover had improved since then until late August when Finance Minister Sami Gammoh announced the proposal to remove tax exemptions on capital gains.

The announcement led to "panic in the market," said the broker, who cannot be identified under standing AFM guidelines. "Subsequent signals that the government may reconsider the move did not do much to soothe the fears as last week's figures indicate."

Industrial stocks accounted for JD 2.17 million, or 42.5 per cent, of last week's volume, followed commercial banks with JD 1.48 million, or 28.9 per cent, the services sector with JD 1.44 million, or 28.2 per cent, and insurance stock with JD 18,000, or 0.4 per cent, the weekly market report said.

The drop in prices was more pronounced in the industrial sector, whose index dropped 4.1 points or 3.1 per cent during the week, fol-

with a decline of 4.1 points or 2.9 per cent, commercial banks with 2.1 points or 1.3 per cent and insurance stock with 1.5 points or one per

"Investors have been looking for definite signs that the government is seriously considering abandoning the moves to tax capital gains," said the broker. "No such signs were forthcoming last week and hence the continued dip."

According to the broker, "the trend is likely to continue for some time and perhaps a decline in prices of about two to four per cent before stability returns to the market at a point when investors believe enough is enough."

"Of course," added the broker, "things could pick up if the government makes a definite announcement that capital gains would continue to enjoy tax exemption."

Palestine Investment Bank to start operations in 2 months

Investment Bank (PIB), one

of the first financial institu-

tions to be approved and

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter AMMAN — The Palestine

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LONDON EXCHANGE RATES

LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midsession on the London Foreign Exchange and bullion markets Friday.

U.S. \$1.00 costs 1.3508/18 1.5493/03 1.7369/79 1.2877/87 31.89/93 5.2950/00 1562.9/4.4 99.18/28 7.4795/95 6.7970/20

6.1105/55 One sterling \$1.5640/50 One ounce of gold \$388.10/388.50

licensed by the Palestine National Authority (PNA) in autonomous Gaza and Jericho, has elected a board of directors and intends to start operations in the selfrule areas in two months, the chairman of the board said Friday.

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Abdul Kader Al Qadi, who was elected chairman of the board in the first meeting of shareholders on Thursday, said the bank would focus on "medium-and long-term" credit facilities and investment in the autonomous areas while also functioning as a commercial bank.

The bank has been approved by the Palestine National Authority, he told

the Jordan Times, adding that the institution "will abide by the provisions in the economic agreement between Jordan and the PNA."

The bank will operate a public shareholding company with limited liability and registered with the company registrar, he said.

The PIB intends to open its first two branches in Gaza and Jericho in the next two months and also plans to expand its operations through opening more branches elsewhere in the West Bank, Mr. Oadi said.

"The PIB has the authority to expand its branch network in the future in all areas that will eventually fall under the jurisdiction of the PNA," Mr. Qadi said.

The nearly 100 shareholders of the bank are Jordanian, businessmen from the Gulf states and Palestinians in that order, Mr. Qadi said. the general assembly of shareholders decided to raise the capital of the bank to \$20 million from \$15 million "as a result of oversubscription in the initial offering," he said.

Among the board of directors are Ali Suheimat (vice chairman), Hani Al Qadi (managing director), and representatives of investment houses in Saudi Arabia, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates (UAE).

Other directors include Mahmoud Abu Al Rubb, Abdul Halim Hassan Al Ifrangi, Antoine Yousef Sansour, Ghassan Shakaa, and Mohammad Masrouji.

The PIB is the first local bank to be established under the Palestine National Authority since it took control of the Gaza Strip and Jericho in May, noted Mr. Qadi, chairman of the Arab Jordan Investment Bank in Amman.

"The main objectives behind the establishment of the PIB is to develop the financial markets in the PNA areas and to assist in its economic development," he said. "The bank will also assist in channelling funds from international donors to the Palestinian areas."

The Palestine Investment Bank is different from the Arab Palestine Investment Bank which is being set up with the involvement of the Arab Bank, the International Finance Corporation — an arm of the World Bank and the German develop-ment agency, DED.

The Arab Palestine Investment Bank is described as a specialised institution that will focus on the needs of individuals and entities employing five to 10 people in the West Bank and Gaza

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Sports

Players strike overshadows apparent Haiti invasion

Vajor League Baseball MLB) season is over. Not ven an apparently imminent nvasion of Haiti distracted America's attention from the ealisation that its lauded World Series won't be layed for the first time since

From newspapers to the resident, it was an almost verybody's mind. 'Season ends, '95 in doubt'

as the big headline splashed cross the front of the nation-I daily USA Today. Then elow. iun smaller print: Clinton in Haiti: "Time is

The Wall Street Journal's ad story on its front page as headlined: "Fat lady ngs; how fear and loathing i baseball standoff wrecked ie season.

Even President Clinton, who was debating whether to send a military force to invade Haiti, commented on the situation.

"I don't see how we can

avoid a serious examination of it in light of what has happened now to the American people." Clinton said about MLB's exemption from federal antitrust laws after the 28 Major League club owners voted Wednesday to cancel the remaining month of the season

The news came as no surprise. Media predictions started at the beginning of the summer, and intensified when the MLB Players Association went out on strike Aug. 12. And it's not as though

strikes haven't ever interrupted the MLB season before. This is the third time since 1972 a strike has resulted in the cancellation of games, but the first time it resulted in the post-season

being wiped out.
This year's work stopps is the eighth time since 1972 that the MLB club owners and the players have butted

"I hope they don't play next year. I'm sick and tired of it. They're both wrong as far as I'm concerned," said Madison, Wis., Tavern owner Stuart Becker.

The U.S. Major League season, which was first played in 1876, runs from April to October, with a seven-game series between the American and national league cham-pions in the "World Series" to determine the winner. The world series was first

for 1904 when the manager of the NL champion Giants John McGraw — simply didn't want to play the AL champs, it has been staged every year since, including through two world wars and the Great Depression of the 1930s. It's a boast even the English FA Cup final can't

But this year's season will be the first, due to club owners' and players' clash essentially over salaries. Owners want a change of the economic structure that has seen the average players' salary jump from just over \$34,000 in 1972 to nearly \$1.2 millin this season. Players want the status quo, with an increase in the minimum salary from \$109,000 to about \$200,000.

Major League season when the players struck last month. Some turned to the approximately 150 Minor League teams, who saw attendance soar after the strike started. Most of those Minor Leagues have finished their seasons and those still going only have a few days left.

Others have focused on the American pro and college football seasons, which started 2-3 weeks ago, and the National Hockey League (NHL) which opened training camps about 10 days ago. However, the NHL is facing its own potential labour prob-

Television ratings the first week of the NFL season were up significantly from last

The ESPN sports cable

showing Minor League base-ball in place of the Major League and last week even showed the England-United States soccer friendly from Wembley tape-delayed in prime time, usually reserved for baseball.

Because the club owners and players are so diametrically opposed to each other on the issues, the current labour strife may extend into

next season.
"It's the strongest union in the nation. We're not going to break now," Florida Marlins pitcher Greg Colbrunn The standoff has some

baseball fans befuddled.
"We're sitting here watching paint dry," said Scott
Saklad, manager of a souvenir shop across the street



Jennifer Capriati

Capriati plans comeback

CLEVELAND (AP) — Jennifer Capriati, who left the women's tour last year and was later arrested on drug charges, plans to return to professional tennis in early October.

The International Management Group, an agency representing Capriati, has said the 18-year-old has requested wild-card entries to the Barilla Indoors Tournament in Zurich, Switzerland, and the Porsche Tennis Grand Prix in Filderstadt, Germany.

"Obviously she's getting ready to play again. These are pretty big tournaments," said Linda Dozoretz, president of Linda Dozoretz Communications in Los Angeles, which represents Clevelandbased IMG. "Martina Navratilova is scheduled to play in them, so they are pretty important."

Dozoretz said she believed Capriati has been practicing for her comeback at her new home in Palm Desert, Calif. Capriati and her family moved there a few weeks ago from Coral Gables, Fla.

The Zurich tournament will be held Oct. 3-9 and the Filderstadt tournament Oct. 10-16.

"It's great news," tennis commentator Mary Carillo said from Naples, Fia. 'That's sooner than I thought she'd be back."

Carillo could not say how long it would be before Canriati returns to her old form. "I don't know because I have no idea what kind of shape she's in," she said.

Calls to Capriati's agent, Barbara Perry, were not returned. A telephone message was left at the home of her father, Stefano Capriati, in Rancho Mirage, Calif.

Capriati, who has career earnings of nearly \$1.5 million, stopped playing tennis last year after losing in the first round of the U.S. Open. She began playing profes-sionally shortly before her 14th birthday, became the youngest semifinalist ever at Wimbledon and won the gold medal at the 1992 Olympics by beating Steffi Graf.

She has been a semifinalist at the U.S. Open, Wimbledon and the French Open. but has never won a Grand Slam event.

Capriati's success and subsequent problems underlined the risks that can await young players on the tour. Last week, the Women's Tennis Council announced a series of rule changes, among them restrictions on the number of tournaments a 14-year-old may enter. The WTC said ti began looking into the reforms before Captiati's troubles came to light.

After leaving the tour, Capriati was arrested May 16 at a Coral Gables motel and charged with marijuana possession after a weekend allegedly spent partying with friends. Acquaintances claimed she used heroin and crack cocaine during that weekend.

Following her arrest, Capriati spent 23 days in the Mount Sinai Medical Centre in Miami before being released from the substance abuse clinic June 10. Under a plea bargaining agreement, the arrest will be deleted from her record if she stays out of trouble until next

One of the more startling aspects of the arrest was the new picture it provided of Capriati. Her tennis whites were gone, exchanged for a grunge look that included black combat boots and a pierced nose and navel.

Those arrested with her at the motel included a runaway and a man with a history of drug arrests.

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Julio Cesar to stay at Dortmund despite racism

razi! libero Julio Cesar has -cided to remain with Bunsliga team Borussia Dortind despite becoming the rge! of racist abuse in Gerany, a senior club official d Friday

Julio Cesar, signed from ventus in the close season gether with German intertional midfielder Andy celler for a combined \$9 filon, was barred from a ortmund disco because of skin colour and verbally used by the doorman.

"He is staying with us and es not personally see any son for action, the club not to be med. told Reuters. He declined to comment

seports that the Brazilian, ming racism in Germany ere at least 30 people have d in neo-Nazi violence ce unification in 1990, had isted on a clause in his stract that would allow him leave if he became a vic-

We never comment on "content of contracts," he

attempts by Julio Cesar's aslator to explain to the to staff who the soccer ver was failed to convince m to let him in.
The Dortmund official said

the disco owner had since telephoned the Brazilian and

apologised. Dortmund trainer Ottmar Hitzfeld told the sports news agency SID that remarks made to Julio Cesar were exceptionally discriminatory

and racist. Hitzfeld had been hard pressed, the agency added, to convince Julio Cesar to join Dortmund from Juventus be-

cause of the Brazilian's fears of racism. Julio Cesar had previously complained of apparent xenophobia, Hitzfeld said. When he recently parked his car outside his home with two wheels on the kerb, neighbours immediately phoned

the police. Karl-Heinz Krumme of Dortmund city authorities said that discos in the city had a reputation for racist door policies and that they had been frequently asked to

mend their ways. The defender's contract includes a clause allowing Julio Cesar to immediately break the contract if he becomes the target of racism in Ger-

"This was pure racism. I've been all over the world and such a thing has never hap-pened to me before," said Julio Cesar, who played in France before going to Italy. After Tuesday evening's incident at a Dortmund discotheque, club officials feared that Julio Cesar may use the clause and leave the

"It was an awful and shameful incident. This is discrimination at its worst, the most bitter racism," an angry Borussia Dortmund coach

Ottmar Hitzfeld said Friday. "I am concerned whether we can keep him in these circumstances. I can only

hope that such things will not happen again and that Julio stays with us," Hitzfeld said. City authorities in Dortmund promised to investigate the incident and threatened to close the discotheque.

About 200 members of a Borussia Dortmund fan club sent what they called an open "love letter" to Julio Cesar. apologising for the incident and appealing to the Brazilian star to stay in Dortmund.

The German Soccer Federation also reacted with an-

"I hope that Dortmund can convince Julio Cesar that this was only an absolutely irresponsible act by an indi-vidual," said spokesman Wolfgang Niersbach.

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Murayama said Hsu's visit

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Palestine debut at Hiroshima

HIROSHIMA, Japan (AFP) — A depleted Asian Games men's football tournament was reshuffled with a new draw

on Friday which will see Palestine make their international

The new draw was made necessary after Kazakhstan, Brunei, Mongolia, India and Indonesia withdrew. Palestine

and Malaysia were accepted to make it a 19-nation contest.

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TOKYO (R) — Japan said Friday it would allow Taiwan's vice-premier Hsu Li-Teh to attend the Asian Games in Hiroshima next month, despite strong objections from China.

Chief cabinet secretary Kozo Igarashi said Hsu would visit Japan as chairman of the Taipei 2002 Asian Games special committee and there would be no political motives to the trip or governmental contacts.

China, Asia's top sporting nation, had earlier threatened a boycott over an invitation extended to Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui. The Olympic Council of

Asia Monday withdrew its invitation to Lee, but Beijing is still unhappy about any senior Taiwan politicians attending. "The Chinese government cannot accept the Japanese

government deciding to allow Hsu Li-Teh and other important political figures from Taiwan to visit Japan," foreign ministry spokesman Shen Qofang said in Beijing Thurs-

Beijing has regarded Taiwan as a renegade proJapanese joint communique we hope to bring the Asian Games to a fine finish together with China,'

Murayama told reporters. Taiwan has slammed Beijing for mixing politics and

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China, Asian Games champion since 1986, is sending the largest contingent with 779 athletes and officials. Taiwan's delegation

"Based on the (1972) Sino-China looking for Serie A soccer apprenticeship

JAKARTA (AFP) - China international relations for after them. is aiming to get to the top in Sampdoria who toured China to the Italian league - the

toughest in the world. China's top young players are being lined up for a mass transfer to Italy, according to an Italian soccer club repre-

sentative. Enrico Ercolani, head of

io de nao degotia tions during the tour and received a letter this week saying China was interested in sending 20 players to Ita-

ly's youth league. The Chinese starlets are being lined up to go to the Genoa side who would look

Ercolani, who arranged a similar deal for the indonesian youth team two years ago, said: "The Italian federation have given us permission to bring a second Asian country to Italy to compete in the youth league and we are considering a number of op-

Brazilian star Pele honoured

Brazilian soccer star Pele looks at the lifetime achievement award he received from the Sportsmen's Hall of Fame in Budapest Thursday. Pele will play in an exhibition match against a senior Hungarian team (AFP photo)



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you were to follow with a low heart from dummy!

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Corentin Martins (left) during their Thursday Cup Winner's Cup round match. Croatin Zegreb defeated Auxerre 3-1 (AFP photo)

EURO SOCCER ROUNDUP

PARIS (AFP) — Thursday's European Cup Winners and UEFA Cup first-round first leg results:

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Tyrreli sign Yamaha deal

LONDON (R) — Yamaha have signed a new two-year deal to supply engines to the Tyrrell ment extends a partnership between the two that has already existed for two years. Tyrrell are currently sixth in the World Constructors' Championship with 13 points amassed by Briton Mark Blundell and fast-rising Japanese driver Ukyo Katayama.

Murdoch broadcaster wins Asian deal

HONG KONG (AFP) — Pan-Asian satellite broadcaster Star TV has beaten rival ESPN Asia to strike a four-year television deal with the Asian Basketball Confederation. The deal, worth an estimated \$1.5 million, will give the Rupert Murdoch-owned broadcaster exclusive satellite access to one of the fastestgrowing sports in the region. "We are delighted to welcome Star TV into the family of Secretary Mauricio Martelino.

Muster dried out

fifth seed, withdrew from an ATF men's in his successful bid for a fourth Tour de tennis tournament here Friday because of France victory in July but missed the race illness. The Austrian was taken to hospital

after suffering dehydration Thursday following his three-set win over Spain's Francisco Roig played in 35 degree Centigrade temperature. "Breathing is difficult and I'm very Formula One motor racing team, officials of the Japanese company said Friday. The agreement extends a partnership between the two that has already existed for two years. Tyrrell

The said. His quarterfinal opponent tired," he said. His quarterfinal opponent tired, he said. His quar players in the tournament.

Zarrabeitia hurt in car crash

BILBAO, Spain (R) - Rising Spanish cycling star Mikel Zarrabeitia was seriously injured in a motorway car crash between the Basque cities of Bilbao and San Sebastian on Friday, highway officials said. Zarrabeitia, second in this year's Tour of Spain and seen as a possible successor to Spain's four-time Tour de France winner Miguel Indurain, suffered suspected fractures of the shoulder, hip and tibs and concussion. Officials said Zarrabeitian suffered suspected fractures of the shoulder, hip and tibs and concussion. ribs and concussion. Officials said Zarrabeitia's car apparently hit a roadside fence ABC supporters," said ABC General- as he was driving towards San Sebastian and he was thrown out. Last February another of Spain's most promising cyclists, Antonio Mar-tin, was killed when he collided with a van while on a training ride. Zarrabeitia, 24, had BUCHAREST (AFP) — Thomas Muster, the been expected to be Indurain's main back-up

"I've played through more

generations than anyone

here. No-one here has been

playing when Geoff Hunt,

(Qamar) Zaman and Mohi-

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Norman reels back the years

BARCELONA (AFP) — He may be on the wrong side of 35, but squash veteran Ross Norman is living proof the experience counts for more than young legs in the world's most gruelling sport.
Norman, who turns 36 in

January, is still in the top 10 of the world rankings, where he has spent most of his 14-year career in the game. But the New Zealander

readily admits that his success is sometimes even a mystery to him. The key, he reckons, is having the experience that comes with age. It has

already stood him in good

stead at the World Open here

this week, before he suc-

cumbed in the second round to Australian Anthony Hill. "I count on that every time, it's probably what pul-led me through the first round," he said. "It's just the experience to keep hanging on and, even though there are big pressure points, not to be sucked into going for too

many quick and cheap points.

I quite often go on court against a better player than me - he's fitter, he's faster and he hits more shots - but I end up beating him and coming off the court wondering how. And it's usually because he's hitting the wrong shot at the right time or the right shot at the wrong

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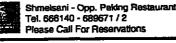
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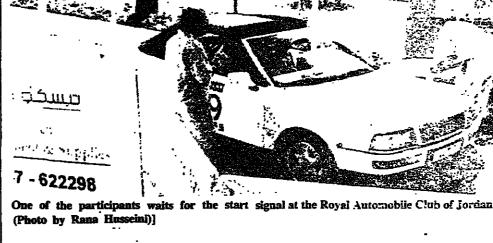


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24 drivers take part in RACJ rallytour

3y Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - The 24 car drivers who participated in the third round of the Zanussi Classic Rallytour Friday will have to wait until 7.00 p.m. today to know who the winner is and to find out if any of the competitors was able to break Mo'taz Masri and Mazen Qoutob's time of 44 seconds registered by the duo during the first rally at the

beginning of this year.
This competition does not require speed as much as precise calculations of distance and time.

The driver of each car assisted by a co-pilot and one or two assistants breezed through the Kingdom's asphalt public roads, cruising on speeds ranging from 47-55 kilometres per hour and crossing 280 kilometres.

The first vehicles left the Royal Automobile Club of Jordan (RACJ) at 9.30 a.m., followed by the 23 cars with a one-minute interval between each vehicle. After completing the morning session the cars regrouped at the RACJ in preparation for the evening season which started at 2.00 p.m. and ended at 6.30

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the rally director at the RACJ, told the Jordan Times.

The route that the drivers are supposed to take is secre! and drivers receive a map of the route just one minute before they take, off to their destination, Mr. Muhiar said. According to Mr. Muhiar.

the final results will be announced today at the RACJ. All participants will receive points which will be added to their total until the fourth and final Zanussi rally will take place at the beginning of December. It will determine the champion of the eight national rallies held in the Kingdom since the beginning of the year. The winner of the firs place will get 16 point: whereas the second and thire will get 13.5 points and 13

respectively. Currently, Bashar Bustam is leading the Kingdom' drivers with 140 points fol lowed by Ahmad Dawous with 108.5 and Paris Bustam with 81.5 points.

Bustami did not participati

in Friday's event. The reasons were not known Rally observers speculate that this might affect his over all total points and migh drop him back behine Dawoud, who competed it the event along with Fari

Omega times 1/100 of second

LAUSANNE, Wednesday July 6 at 8:20 p.m.: Omega times the 1/100 of a second which makes the American Leroy Burrell the new 100-metre world record holder! A history-making 100-metre event at yesterday's Athletissi-ma 94 athletic meet in Lausan-

ne, Switzerland: at 20:20 hours, the stadium crowd held its breath as the Omega chronograph recorded 9:85 seconds! A world record! By a the American athlete Leroy Burrell beat the current

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Rabin trails in polls for first time since 1992

TEL AVIV (AFP) — An opinion poll put Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin behind right-wing opposition leader Binyamin Netanyahu on Friday for the first time since he led the Labour Party to victory in June 1992. The Dahaf Institute survey found 41 per cent would vote for the Likud Party leader compared with 39 per cent for Mr. Rabin, who last week outlined a proposal for a withdrawal from at least part of the Golan Heights in return for peace with Syria. Pollsters say Mr. Rabin's decision last month to tax stock exchange earnings after pledging not to has also affected his popularity. The results came after a Gallup poll carried out earlier this week that gave Mr. Rabin 41 per cent and Mr. Netanyahu 40. Both surveys had a three per cent, margine of error. Dohaf, which questioned 500 Israelis, also found 27 per cent would vote for Likud and 26 per cent for Labour. Labour's left-wing coalition ally Meretz was credited with only seven per cent and the Israeli-Arab parties three per cent. The Jewish orthodox religious party Shas, which has supported both left nd right-wing coalitions, took three per cent. Eighteen per cent were undecided and two per cent said they would abstain. General elections are not scheduled until late 1996 when for the first time the prime minister will be elected

Minister wins legal battle to regulate veils

CAIRO (AFP) - Education Minister Hussein Kamel Bahaeddin has won a legal battle to regulate the wearing of the Islamic veil in Egypt's schools, court officials said Friday. An upper court accepted an appeal from Mr. Bahaeddin and overturned a ruling in August that suspended a ministerial decree stipulating the parents must know that their daughter is wearing the veil in school. "The law gives the minister the right to lay down regulations on school uniform," it ruled on Thursday. "The ministerial decree does not prevent girls from wearing the veil and does not constitute a violation of liberties." The new ruling came just before the new school year which starts Saturday. The minister, a critic of Islamic fundamentalists, says the decree aims to ensure girls are not forced to wear the veil by teachers. Last year, he transferred several fundamentalist teachers to other schools on the same grounds. The decree also stated that parents must give written consent before a girl can go to school veiled, but Mr. Bahaeddin backed down on that point in July under pressure from Muslim circles. On Friday, fundamentalists claimed victory despite the latest court ruling.

Arab League to set up court of justice

CAIRO (AFP) — The Arab League has decided to set up a court of justice to settle inter-Arab disputes peacefully, a proposal dating back to the 1990-1991 Gulf crisis, the organisation's secretary general announced. Esmat Abdul Meguid said a resolution to set up the court was adopted at Libya's initiative at the final session late Thursday of a two-day Arab League foreign ministers' in the Egyptian capital. "It is a good sign on the path to resolving Arab disputes peacefully and establishing dialogue through a mechanism for settling conflict." Dr. Abdul Meguid said. He said a study on the status of the court would be completed in a year's time and presented to the Arab League ministerial council. Several Arab countries propesed setting up an Arab court of justice following the Iraqi invasion of Kuwait in August 1990 that divided the countries of the region.

Women would make good preachers — cleric

ABU DHABI (AFP) - Women would make good Islamic preachers, just like they make good political and religious leaders outside the Islamic world, a Muslim cleric said Friday. Sheikh Mohammad Al Ghazali, on outspoken cleric and scholar, also called for women to be granted access to top political jobs but said he faced opposition in the Islamic World. What Margaret Thatcher and Indira Ghandi, the former British and Indian premiers, have 'done for their countries was much better than what many Muslim rulers have done," Sheikh Ghazali told the United Arab Emirates daily Al Itthad. Sheikh Ghazali called for women to be allowed to become preachers, a post that is restricted to men in Islam. "We all heard about (Mother) Teresa who has set up a Christian mission covering the entire world and won a Nobel prize," he said. "There are also Jewish and Buddhist preachers." Sheikh Mohammad called for women to be allowed to study at Islamic colleges to become preachers. "The woman is not a mere trifle in society. She could be your sister, wife, daughter or mother. Why do we despise her and treat her as a degraded creature without importance?" be asked. "Those who do this must keep it for themselves without attributing it to Islam" the Egyptian sheikh added.

Morocco calling for hotels' bids RABAT (R) - Morocco will call for bids this month six

state-owned provincial hotels at minimum prices ranging from 10 million to 15 million dirhams (\$1.11 to \$1.66 million), the privatisation ministry said on Friday. The bids which open on Sept. 20 and close on Nov. 15 at 1800 GMT are for hotels in the eastern localities of Fez, Ouarzazate, Boulmane Du Dades, Taliouine, Oujda and Taza, most of them popular tourist areas. They have a total of 528 rooms plus a number of suites and staff accommodation in most cases. The offer includes the land on which they are built ranging in size from 8.600 to 40.500 square metres. Morocco is in the process of privatising more than 100 state enterprises including 37 hotels in a three-year programme that ends in December 1995.

Khaddam undergoes surgery in Paris

PARIS (AP) — The vice president of Syria, Abdul Halim Khaddam, has recovering well from surgery at the American Hospital of Paris, his aides said. The aides gave no medical details and did not say when Mr. Khaddam might be released. A Lebanese newspaper. Al Anwar, reported that the operation was to remove a cyst from Mr.

Official denies King Fahd has health problem

DUBAI (R) — Saudi Arabia described a published report alleging King Fahd had a health problem as "totally groundless," the Saudi Press Agency (SPA) said. SPA quoted an official Thursday night as saying that King Fahd was in good health and "continues to run the affairs of the state with members of his government day and night." The official said the report published on Thursday in Washington, which mentioned that the king had "suffered some health problem on Tuesday night," was "totally groundless." SPA gave few details about the Washington report but attributed it to compass publications. King Fahd received an Italian minister at his palace in Jeddah on Tuesday evening and the Eritrean president on Wednesday evening, the unnamed official said.

2,200 Israelis treated after fasting

TEL AVIV (AP) - More than 2,200 Israelis required medical treatment Thursday after refraining from food and drink for 25 hours despite stifling heat to mark the Yom Kippur fast. Yom Kippur ends the 10 "days of awe" launched by the Jewish new year. The period is set aside for asking forgiveness, with the final day reserved for fasting and prayer seeking atonement from God. Israel has been buckling under a heat wave for the past three days, with temperatures again soaring to the mid 90s Thursday. Of the 2,200 people who required treatment Thursday, some 1,200 people were taken to hospitals. Israel Televisoin said.

Self-rule police get substantial aid

MOSCOW (Agencies) — Russia will provide armoured troop transporters and send advisors to help the developing Palestinian police force in the self-rule areas of Gaza and Jericho, a top Russian foreign affairs official said

Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister Igor Ivanov said after a meeting with a Palesti-nian delegation that Russia would give the police force 45 armoured troop transporters as well as send several advi-

He said he had met Yasser Arafat on Thursday during the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader's stopover in Moscow on his return from a visit to Uzbekis-

Mr. Arafat flew on to Turkey but left a delegation in Moscow headed by Zuhdi Terzi for an additional 24 hours in order to discuss Palestinian self-rule with Mr. Ivanov and other Russian officials.

Moscow has long-standing commitments to aid Palestinian police in the self-rule regions, but until now has given few details on what form the aid would take.

Norwegian and U.N. officials agreed Thursday to send an emergency grant of \$12 million to the Palestinian police, which has run out of money for salaries.

Norwegian officials said the payment aimed at covering costs for the more than 6,000 police from June through October. The money would arrive "within weeks," the officials said.

"If one cannot finance the police, the whole security net for reconstruction will break down," said Terje Roed Larsen, a U.N. coordinator for Gaza and the West Bank.

Speaking at a press briefing, Mr. Larsen and foreign ministry officials said they hope international donations will allow \$7 million per month to be given to the Palestinian police from November through February. They said such funding

hiring and training of an additional 3,000 police. Japan has sent \$10 million in emergency aid and 2,000 uniforms to the Palestinian police, a police statement

should also pave the way for

The money is earmarked for building 300 homes for police officers, most of whom returned from exile in the Arab World and had to leave their families behind becaule of lack of housing in the

The Japanese are also paying for setting up a central police computer, the state-

autonomous areas.

Mr. Arafat welcomed U.S. President Bill Clinton's appeal to the international community to aid peace between the Palestinians and

Mr. Arafat was referring to Mr. Clinton's taped address on Monday to Jewish organisations in Chicago, his spokesman Nabil Abu Rudeineh told reporters.

Mr. Clinton urged the community to "do all it can to ensure that Arabs and Israelis realise the full benefits of peace. Mr. Arafat also expressed

thanks "for the efforts of Vice President Al Gore on the projects announced on Monday." Mr. Abu Rudeineh added. Mr. Gore announced five

U.S. business ventures in Gaza, Jericho and the West Bank would receive \$90 million in loans and political risk insurance from a U.S. private investment agency. The money is part of a

pledge by the Overseas Private Investment Corporation to provide a total of \$125 million to U.S. companies who move into the Palestinian territories. Turkey assured Mr. Yasser Arafat on Friday that it

jects in the self-rule areas and contribute to an international monitoring force in Palestine. "We have had good, warm talks," Prime Minister Tansu Ciller said after she met Mr. Arafat, who arrived in Ank-

ara late on Thursday for a

would join development pro-

one-day working visit. "H asked for Turkey's cont oution to an internatien. (monitoring) force to be set up. We have accepted," she told reporters.

A senior Turkish foreign ministry official later said the military contingent would probably number about 50.

Ms. Ciller said a Turkish team would study joint reconstruction projects in Gaza and Jericho before she visits the region in early November. Her tour which will take her to Egypt and Israel as

and plumbing projects.

Mr. Arafat also beld talks with President Suleyman Demirel on Friday, but no details were released. The two leaders were due

to attend Friday prayers and have lunch together before Mr. Arafat's departure later Following an Arafat visit in September 1993 Turkey pledged \$52 million in finan-

cial aid for development projects for the Gaza Strip and Ankara in December 1991 upgraded the level of PLO representation here to that of

ambassador, similar to the status of its relations with Mr. Arafat has set a November target date for

elections in Gaza and the occupied West Bank. But Israel has still to agree and is also due to withdraw its forces from the West Bank before elections are held.

Kahane group wants to set up colony in Jordan Group for Settlement in Jor-

group consisting largely of American followers of two outlawed Jewish extremist movements plans to cross into Jordan to set up a settlement, a leader said Friday.

Benjamin Kahane told Israel's army radio that about 150 activists holding dual citizenship would move into Jordan. Mr. Kahane leads Kahane Chai, an offshoot of the anti-Arab Kach movement founded by his father. the assassinated Rabbi Meir

"Jordan is an inseparable part of the land of Israel; it has always been so," Mr. Kahane said, citing a traditional Israeli political song written for the right-wing:

Two Banks of the Jordan. After the Israel-Jordan peace agreement in July, Jordan agreed to allow in Israeli tourists holding dual citizenship. Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin revoked a law requiring Israelis to get special permission before visiting

Jordan last week. Mr. Kahane claimed he did not foresee Jordanian opposition to his plans, army radio

Israel banned both movements after an Americanborn settler who had belonged to Kach massacred more than 29 Palestinian worshippers at a West Bank

mosque in February. Eight leaders of the two groups were kept in administrative detention in Israeli jails for six months, with one still behind bars. They call for expelling Arabs from Israel

and the occupied territories. A Sept. 15 press release. from Mr. Kahane's settlement group, called Gilead's

dan, said its 150 members, most of them holding U.S. citizenship, planned to settle 50 kilometres south of Amman at a site where they believe the ancient town Mahanaim stood.

The Bible identifies Mahanaim as the capital of King Solomon's seventh district. Its exact location has never been determined.

The statement did not give an exact site for the settlement and said a date had not

The group also plans to ask the U.S. embassy in Jordan for "protection."
The foreign ministry de-

clined to comment on the group's plans.
"About 150 supporters

have signed up to join in the creation of the first Jewish colony in Jordan," said Mr. Kahane. The majority of the 150

militants, who all have American as well as Israeli nationality, live in the United States, but some are settlers on the occupied West Bank. "We intend to enter Jordan legally when the crossing will be opened to Israelis who

hold a second passport," Mr. Kahane said. Mr. Kahane said he was "convinced that the United States will support its citizens who want to set up the first centre for Jewish pioneers on

the eastern banks of the River Jordan. "In the first stage a small group will take up position. Then others will join them.

again, or are there no cir-cumstances?" Mr. Major "There is no reason for the Irish Prime Minister Albert Jordanians to stop us," he Reynolds, who has been claimed. "After all we are at peace with the Jordanians prodding Britain to make some gesture to the IRA.



U.S. defends Iraq policy, rules out any concession

ANKARA (Agencies) — A senior U.S. State Department official defended continued sanctions against Iraq on Friday, asserting that President Saddam Hussein gave no signs of changing his government's policies.

"We sincerely believe in being vigilant over Iraq. the sanctions must continue," Under-Secretary Peter Tarnoff told the Anatolian news agency before leaving Ank-

He arrived on Thursday and held talks with Foreign Minister Mumtaz Soysal, who has criticised the continued embargo against Baghdad which have blocked Iraq's key oil exports and hurt its economy. Turkey was a major transit

point for Iraqi oil before the

"There are no signs that Saddam Hussein's regime will change its former attitudes." Mr. Tarnoff said. adding that a Western air force patrolling northern Iraq should remain based in southern Turkey.

The U.N. Security Council on Wednesday extended the sanctions imposed on Baghdad after its invasion of Kuwait in August 1990. Washington is adamant that the ban should not be eased until Iraq complies fully with U.N. terms.

"I have sufficient reason to believe we will work profit-Provide Comfort," Mr. Tarnoff said. The mandate for the operation, extended by account Iraq's cooperation in been thoroughly tested.

BELFAST (AP) — Signali-

ing growing confidence that

the Irish Republican Army's

(IRA) ceasefire is perma-

nent, Prime Minister John

Major on Friday lifted a ban

on broadcasting the voices of

In a second concession.

Britain ordered the reopen-

ing of 10 secondary roads

But Mr. Major said he was

not yet convinced that the

16-day-old IRA ceasefire was

permanent, and he was still

not ready to contemplate

negotiations with Sinn Fein.

the IRA's political partners.

Protestants, Mr. Major

promised a referendum with-

in Northern Ireland on any

agreement on the province's

future reached in all-party

The end of the broadcast-

ing ban was effective im-

mediately, Mr. Major said,

and supporters of all para-

military groups — both from

the Catholic minority and the

Protestant majority — were now free to argue their cases.

Mr. Major said he re-

mained sceptical of whether

the IRA had permanently

abandoned violence. "They

are nearly there. I hope they

will have the courage to re-

move ambiguities and make

the clear statement that

everyone is waiting to hear,"

Mr. Major told a news con-

directly yourself, are there

any circumstances in which

you would take up violence

"Go and ask Sinn Fein

ference.

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across the Irish border.

IRA supporters.

Turkish parliament every six months since 1991, comes up for a vote in December. Social Democrat Sovsal

openly opposed the U.N. sanctions as well as Turkey's mandate to support the U.S. operation before he joined the cabinet in August. This month he ordered the

virtual closure of Turkey's border crossing into northern Iraq to Western visitors except for humanitarian aid workers and relief personnel. During Wednesday's ses-

sion of the Security Council,

more countries supported easing the sanctions. After all positions were expressed, Security Council President Juan Antonio Yanez-Barnuevo of Spain concluded that despite progress made by Iraq, many requirements of the pertinent

U.N. resolutions had not

been fulfilled. He said: "There is therefore no agreement that the necessary conditions exist for a modification of the sanctions regime.

The renewal of the sanctions, which takes place every two months, followed a visit Saturday to the United Nations by Iraq's Deputy Prime Minister Tareq Aziz.

Russia and the United States expressed sharply divergent positions Wednesday regarding sanctions against

Iraq. The new U.N. representaably with Turkey regarding tive to Moscow, Sergei Lavrov, said it was time the United Nations took into

Major lifts media ban on IRA

said in a newspaper article

published Thursday that Brit-

ish reluctance was being used

by Protestant gunmen as an

Reports that Mr. Major

was preparing to lift the ban

brought some protests from

Protestant unionists, who

have been alarmed by the

pace of events since the IRA

announcement on Aug. 31.

fears of a sell-out, Mr. Major

said: "There have been no

secret deals made, directly,

or indirectly; no secret assur-

ances given, no nods, no

winks, no tricks with mirrors.

And most important, after 25

years of bloodshed and ter-

for, we have not lowered our

Mr. Major's predecessor, Margaret Thatcher, banned

the voices of IRA supporters

from British broadcast media

in October 1988, saying she

aimed to deny extremists

Broadcasters got around

"the oxygen of publicity."

the ban by using actors to dub

the comments of Sinn Fein

President Gerry Adams and

The Irish Republic had

banned IRA supporters from

its broadcast media in 1971,

but lifted the ban on Feb. 19

as it worked to coax the IRA

to call off its violent cam-

Northern Ireland.

paign against British rule in

British cabinet ministers

made it clear that any move

on the broadcast ban would

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"If the IRA introduces a

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"We are satisfied with the progress achieved in what regards the implementation of the disarmament aspects of Resolution 687 as well as the preparations for the launch of the long-term ongoing monitoring and verification system," Mr. Lavrov said.

His position was shared by France and China, which also argue that the Security Council should adhere strictly to U.N. Resolution 687, which established the terms of the ceasefire with Iraq after the Gulf war. They point to language in

the resolution that says if Iraq implements the provisions of the resolution concerning disarmament then the U.N. oil embargo should be lifted. The Russians, French and

Chinese argue the oil embar-go should be lifted after a six-month trial period of a new system for monitoring Iraq's compliance with U.N. disarmament provisions. But U.S. Ambassador

Madeleine Albright responded that such encouragement to Iraq "only disturbs the picture and undermines prospects for securing Iraq's compliance with all U.N. requirements."

"To recognise progress in one field while Iraq remains obdurate and is even stepping back in others would be a mistake," she said.

States opposed committing to a trial period until the new verification programme has

Dorrell, the minister for

national heritage whose re-

sponsibilities include broad-

Peter Robinson, deputy

leader of the Rev. Ian Pais-

ley's hardline Democratic

Unionist Party, said Mr. Ma-

jor "has very consistently

shown himself to be the pup-

pet of the Dublin govern-

him to move faster and he is

no longer prepared to resist

that pressure," Mr. Robinson

from the Ulster Unionis;

Party, the largest Protesta it

party in Northern Ireland,

said he had no objection to

eventually lifting the broad-

cast ban, but would "mind

very much" if it were done

Mr. Maginnis complained

that Sinn Fein was being admitted "with far too much

haste into the real world of

Since the IRA ceasefire,

Sinn Fein activists have been

forcing open some border

roads, which have been

quickly reclosed by security

are all in County Fermanagh.

in the southwest corner of the

province. Patrick Mayhew,

the cabinet official responsi-

ble for Northern Ireland, said

police and army commanders

had advised that the roads

carefully to see whether, fol-

lowing a campaign of terror lasting over 25 years, the

words of the provisional IRA

and those who speak for them are matched by events

on the ground," Mr. Mayhew

"If necessary crossings will

be closed again."

"We will continue to watch

could be safely reopened.

The newly opened roads

Ken Maginnis, a lawmaker

told the BBC radio.

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747 loses part of fuselage en route, lands safely

ZURICH (AFP) -- A Ko-

rean Airlines Boeing 747 en route to Seoul landed at Zurich's airport Wednesday with the front of its fuselage torn away in a hailstorm, airport officials said. None of the 108 passengers and crew was injured. The Jumbo Jet, en route from Rome to Seoul, landed as scheduled Wednesday afternoon at the Zurich-Kloten Airport, in what airport officials said was "in no way an emergency landing." Neither rescue nor fire services were deployed, the official said. "The plane landed normally... in spite of major damage to the fuselage caused by the storms" encountered over northern Italy, the official said. Meanwhile in Italy, a 65-year-old man was killed Wednesday as high winds and rain lashed the north of the country, causing damage in some towns including Pisa.

Singapore bans sale, display of tiger parts

SINGAPORE (R) — Singapore has banned the sale and public display of all tiger parts, including medicines made from them, a government officials Friday. The ban, effective from Nov. 4, shows Singapore's support for global efforts to conserve the endangered animal. Astrid Yeo, an official at the Primary Production Department (PPD), told Reuters. In 1986, Singapore banned the import and export of tiger parts when the island republic became a signatory of the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Fauna and Flora (CITES). That ban did not cover the sale and display of existing stocks of tiger parts, said Ms. Yeo, who heads the CITES unit at PPD. The maximum penalty under the 1986 ban is a fine of Singapore dollar 10,000 (\$6,700) or one year's jail, or both. The latest pan carries a maximum penalty of three months' jail, a Singapore dollars 2,000 (\$1,333) fine or both. Practitioners of Chinese medicine in Singapore said parts of a tiger's body, including its penis, whiskers, teeth, claws and bones are processed to make tiger bone wines, pills

China warns against computer

BELJING (R) — China is

going on the alert against

computer crime now that high technology is rapidly gaining an important place in the economy, the official Science and Technology Daily said Friday. A conference on the security of electronic in-. formation networks called by the Ministry of Public Security heard that problems, ranging from the use of technology to commit crimes to the spread of computer viruses, were very serious because of an absence of proper laws. "The safety or otherwise of electronic information networks has a direct and fundamental effect on the national economy and people's livelihoods," the newspaper quoted a police official as saying. Computer crime in China has increased exponentially from the first case discovered in 1986, to nine cases in 1987, 100 in 1989 and more than 1,200 last year, the economic weekly newspaper said Friday. It listed crimes ranging from using computers to buy and sell other people's stock on China's infant markets to bank and credit card fraud. "High-tech crime has already sounded an alarm bell for our society," the newspaper said.

Ginseng root sold for \$209,000

BEIJING (R) — A Chinese farmer has made his fortune from a 600-year-old ginseng root which he sold for 1.8 million yuan (\$209,000), a newspaper reported. The ginseng weighed 390 grammes (14 ounces) and was 130 cm (51 in) long, making it the largest of its species found so far in China. Ginseng is used in restoratives and tonics, especially for the elderly and child-bearing women. The Jilin Daily, seen in Beijing Friday, said the farmer found the ginseng on Changbai Mountain last month and sold it to a local ginseng trading firm.

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